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36,000 ITALIAN PRISONERS ARE MOVED OUT OF BATTLE AREA IN NORTH AFRICA: BARDIA SHELLED

Offensive Patrols Continue On The Kenya Frontier

THE NUMBER OF ITALIAN PRISONERS MOVED OUT OF THE BATTLE AREA IN NORTH AFRICA IS NEARLY 36,000 WHILE SEVERAL THOUSANDS ARE STILL AWAITING TO BE MOVED UP, SAYS A LONDON MESSAGE.

Bardia is being shelled while British preparations are continuing outside.

A General Headquarters communique from Cairo states: "Our artillery has continued to harass the enemy inside the defences of Bardia while preparations outside are progressing. The number of prisoners evacuated from the area is 35,941 including 1,704 officers.

"Several thousands are still awaiting to be moved up from the forward captures.

"On the Kenya frontier offensive patrols continue."

Greeks Take Coast Town Of Chimarra

THE GREEKS REPORT MORE IMPORTANT SUCCESSES AGAINST THE ITALIANS THAN THEY HAVE CLAIMED FOR A LONG TIME, states a London message.

The coastal town of Chimarra has now been captured by the Greeks after the Italians had been dislodged from strongly fortified positions and forced to leave large quantities of war material. A number of officers and 800 prisoners were taken.

SHIPPING LOSSES

BELOW WEEKLY AVERAGE

TOTAL BRITISH, ALLIED AND NEUTRAL TONNAGE LOST BY ENEMY ACTION during the week ended Dec. 15 was 41,476 tons consisting of five British ships, totaling 30,830 tons, and two Allied, totaling 10,646 tons, states a British Wireless message.

This is well below the weekly average for the whole war which stands at nearly 64,000 tons.

Competent observers point out, however, that satisfactory though this drop may be a steady diminution over a period of a few months must be shown before any real improvement can be claimed.

Weekly average losses for each of the last six months taken in round figures are:—July 51,000 tons; August 54,000; September 100,000; October 85,000; November 85,000 and December (to date) 71,000.

These figures make it evident that menaces from the mine, submarines and the air are still severe but they are regarded, on the whole, as offering ground for encouragement.

Today's War Summary

THE APPOINTMENTS OF LORD HALIFAX as British Ambassador to the United States, Mr. Anthony Eden as Foreign Secretary and Capt. H. D. R. Margesson as War Secretary, are warmly welcomed in the British Press. The appointment of Lord Halifax is generally regarded by newspapers in Britain as representing accurate measure of importance attached in Britain to that post. In recommending the appointment of a Foreign Secretary the Prime Minister has broken all precedents.

MANCHESTER CITY WAS HEAVILY ATTACKED for many hours by German raiders on Sunday night. A large number of fires were caused and considerable damage was done to buildings and shops. It is known that a number of people were killed and many others injured.

LATEST REPORTS FROM THE NORTH AFRICA theatre of war reveal that 36,000 Italian prisoners have been removed from the battle area. Meanwhile Bardia is still being shelled while British preparations are continuing outside.

BRITISH SHIPPING LOSSES DUE to enemy action for the week ended Dec. 15 were well below the weekly average for the whole of the war which stands at nearly 64,000 tons. Five British ships and two Allied were lost.

CHINESE AID FOR AIR RAID FUND

As the result of a big drive launched by the Chinese in Malaya the sum of \$30,000 has been raised for the British Air Raid Relief Fund, states a London message.

GRAZIANI EXPLAINS

WESTERN DESERT REVERSES

Marshal Graziani, the Italian Commander-in-Chief in North Africa, has now set out his explanations for the reverses suffered by his troops in the Western Desert, states a London message.

In a report to Signor Mussolini, the Marshal takes the line that the Italian forces were not taken by surprise, but that their defeat was due to superior British training and equipment.

In trying to explain the British success, the Marshal says that he knew about the attack ten days in advance, and that he was about to attack himself when the British made their move.

TERRIBLE ARTILLERY

His report continues: "The R.A.F. flew low over our defence lines and after a terrible artillery and sea bombardment, armoured cars came over and overthrew our centres of resistance."

The Marshal says that the battle was the most bloody, and that many Italian detachments were

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Swiss Protest To British Government

BERNE, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Swiss Legation in London has been instructed to make a "serious protest" to the British Government against "grave violations" of Swiss neutrality in flights over Switzerland on the nights of Dec. 21 and 22, and to claim damages.

A communique states that the Department of Investigation established that the planes were of British nationality and the bombs which fell in Zurich on the evening of Dec. 22 were of British origin and declares that full damages are to be claimed both in respect of property and of injury to the victims, and the Legation is to insist that more effective steps be taken to avoid a repetition of such incidents.

Stronger Malaya Defences

LONDON, Dec. 23 (BWS).—A British Far East Headquarters communique issued at Singapore states: "Substantial reinforcements of all arms for the Far Eastern Command which recently arrived at Malaya include aircraft, force personnel, Indian infantry, artillery, engineers and auxiliary units."

"These reinforcements will not only strengthen the already formidable defences of Singapore but increase the force in other areas in the Far East."

"NO MORE DETERMINED ENEMY OF HITLER": APPOINTMENT OF LORD HALIFAX TO WASHINGTON POST UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Mr. Eden Regarded As Outstanding Opponent Of Appeasement

LORD HALIFAX, Foreign Secretary and a former Viceroy of India, will take over his new appointment as BRITISH AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES in succession to the late Lord Lothian early in the new year, states a London message.

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, Secretary for War since May 13 this year, took over his new office as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs (a post in which he formerly served) yesterday.

The new War Minister is CAPT. H. D. R. MARGESSON, Chief Government Whip for the past decade.

"There is no more determined enemy of Herr Hitler and all that he stands for than this gentle and great-hearted Englishman."

This comment by the NEW YORK TIMES, is but one of the expressions of approval both in Britain and the United States on the appointment of Lord Halifax to the post of British Ambassador in Washington.

The London message, giving these comments, states that Lord Halifax, in giving up his appointment as Foreign Secretary is taking a unique step, which shows, beyond any words, the importance which he and the British Government attach to relations with the United States both during the war and after.

DPEF SATISFACTION

Reports from Washington state that the appointment has given deep satisfaction to the United States and adds that Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, has the highest regard for Lord Halifax.

A Government spokesman in Washington declared that Lord Halifax was eminently satisfactory as Lord Lothian's successor.

Mr. Eden's appointment in succession to Lord Halifax is also highly approved in the United States, where he is regarded as an outstanding opponent of appeasement.

Commenting on Lord Halifax's appointment, the London message states that his long record of public service, as Viceroy of India, Lord President of the Council and later Leader of the House of Lords, and finally as Foreign Secretary, has fitted him, as few men are fitted, for the new appointment. His deep sincerity, religious conviction and firm resolution will command respect in the United States as elsewhere, states the London message. Even the most determined opponents of appeasement will find the new Ambassador second to none in his desire for a more vigorous prosecution of the war.

Only one change has been made necessary in the War Cabinet by Lord Halifax's appointment, states the London message.

EDEN'S RETURN

Mr. Anthony Eden, Secretary for War, takes Lord Halifax's seat on his return to the Foreign Office. It is now just three years since he resigned from the Foreign Secretaryship owing to disagreement with Mr. Chamberlain's appeasement policy towards Italy. At that time he was the youngest holder of that office for 84 years.

Lord Cranborne will now go to the House of Lords as Government spokesman. He is 47 years of age. He will retain his office as Secretary for the Dominions.

The other new ministerial appointment does not carry a seat in the War Cabinet. Capt. Margesson, who has been made Secretary for War, has been Chief Parliamentary whip and his talents for organization will now be devoted to the War Office. He is 54 years of age.

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Background To The Cabinet Changes

The background to the changes which have taken place in the British Cabinet following the appointment of Lord Halifax as British Ambassador in Washington, was given in London yesterday by MR. T. B. MARTIN, a well-known Parliamentary Lobby correspondent.

STOP PRESS

CHURCHILL'S MESSAGE TO ITALIANS

"In the last war against the barbaric Huns we were your comrades. Fifteen years after that war we were still your friend."

"Now we are attempting to work out each other's ruin. Now we are at war."

These words formed part of a talk which the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill, addressed to the Italian people in a broadcast, last night, from London.

"One man and one man alone has roused the Italian people in the struggle against the British Empire and has deprived the Italian people of the sympathy of the United States."

"It is one man and one man alone who has set the Royal Crown of Italy against the wishes of the Vatican and the Roman Catholic Church and against the wishes of the Italian people who have had no love for this war."

"There lies the tragedy of Italian history," Mr. Churchill went on to trace the cause of the present trouble between Britain and Italy and said how it all arose about the Italian complaint of sanctions over Abyssinia.

Mr. Churchill referred to the Covenant of the League of Nations and pointed out how when Abyssinia wanted to be a member of the League of Nations the British Government had advised against it but Signor Mussolini had desired it and had supported it.

Abyssinia had become a member of the League and, therefore, a member of the Covenant which provided that its signatories should not wage war on each other.

"After declaring that Italy had cast this pledge to the winds, Mr. Churchill went on, 'I declare and my words will go far that the Abyssinian quarrel cannot account for or justify the strife that has now broken out between us.'"

Mr. Churchill reminded Italian people of the message which he sent to Signor Mussolini on May

"Mr. Anthony Eden takes up the seals of office as Foreign Secretary for the second time in his political career," said Mr. Martin. "His first appointment followed after long experience in foreign affairs which began in 1926, when he was Parliamentary Secretary to the late Sir Austen Chamberlain, who was then Foreign Minister."

"When the Government was formed under the late Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Mr. Eden became Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and impressed with his knowledge of the subjects dealt with by the Foreign Office, it was, however, as Minister of the League of Nations that he impressed most."

18 in which he said that the British Empire had never wanted to be the enemy of Italy.

In that message, Mr. Churchill asked Mussolini not to take his words as displaying a spirit of weakness or of fear. It was meant to prevent two Christian and civilised nations being opposed to each other.

The Premier also gave Mussolini's reply to his message in which he reminded Mr. Churchill of the initiative taken by the British Government in 1935 to order sanctions against Italy at Geneva.

Mussolini's reply also stated that the character of the Italian agreement with Germany had ranged the two countries in opposite camps.

"Mr. Churchill concluded: 'That was the answer to my appeal. I make no comment whatever. It speaks for itself. Anyone can see who it was that wanted peace and who it was that wanted war. One man and one man only was resolved to plunge Italy into the whirlpool of war.'"

"What is the position of Italy today? Where has it led his people after 18 years of dictatorial power? What choice lies open to them now?"

"It is open to the whole battery of the British Empire, and to vigorous counter-attacks of the Greeks."

Mr. Churchill said that what was still open to the Italian people was to allow themselves to be bound by the Octopus and terrorised by Nazi domination.

"One man and one man alone has been responsible for this and there I leave this story. The day will probably come when the Italian nation and the Italian people will take steps to shape their own fortunes."

THIRTY RICE MERCHANTS FINED \$3,150

Magistrate Holds No Case Of Sheer Profiteering

HOLDING THAT THERE WAS NO CASE OF SHEER PROFITEERING AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH FORCED THEM TO SELL IN EXCESS OF THE FIXED PRICE but, at the same time, that there had been a contravention of the Government order, Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday imposed fines ranging from \$100 to \$200 when 32 rice merchants were summoned for selling rice at a price higher than that fixed by the Food Controller on Dec. 5.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence (Crime) conducted the prosecution, assisted by Insps. F. D. B. Tuckett and W. A. Russell and Sub-Insp. W. N. Darlin and J. Q. Donovan.

Mr. M. A. da Silva, representing Yip Shu-sang, master of the On Fat Loong rice shop, 48 Hau Wo Street, pleaded guilty to the summons.

PLEA IN MITIGATION

In mitigation, Mr. Silva said that his client's shop dealt mainly in firewood and in rice only as a side line.

On that particular day, said Mr. Silva, the master was not in the shop at the time of the sale which was made by an ignorant clerk. He had instructed all his clerks at the time of the prohibition not to sell rice in excess of the prices fixed by the Food Controller.

Mr. Silva continued that his client regretted this very much and invited the Police to investigate thoroughly as to whether there was any other singular instance where his client had sold in excess of the price fixed by Government.

In connection with this Mr. Silva suggested an adjournment so that the Police could examine defendant's books. This was opposed by the Police who stated that this would not be practicable.

He was fined \$100.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, who appeared for 15 of the defendants, also pleaded guilty.

PURCHASED STOCKS

Mr. Remedios said that all his clients had purchased their stocks before the wholesale prices were controlled. They had to pay to the wholesalers \$17 a picul or in some cases, \$17.60. The average was, however, about \$17.40 or a little over 17 cents per catty. He produced receipts of various defendants to prove this.

It would, therefore, be impossible, said Mr. Remedios, for his clients to sell at the prices fixed by the Food Controller. They either had to sell at a great loss or close up their businesses entirely.

No regulations governing the wholesale prices were enforced until Dec. 11. This, Mr. Remedios suggested, was entirely the fault of the legislature in not making regulations governing the prices of wholesalers at the same time that the prices of the retailers were controlled.

Mr. Lowry: Still, it is a contravention of the Government order.

Mr. Remedios: Yes, your Worship. That is why I am pleading guilty.

Mr. Remedios added that since the summonses were issued his clients were selling at the prices fixed by Government and that the wholesalers were not asking for \$17 per picul of rice. He asked that his Worship should look at it from the merchants' point of view.

Replying, Mr. Shaftain said that it was, perhaps, unfortunate that the wholesale prices were not fixed until Dec. 11. But, he argued, it was remarkable that all these people should buy their stocks of rice on the same day.

OBVIOUS COURSE

He suggested that the obvious course to be taken by the rice dealers should, as a whole, be through the Rice Dealers' Association or Guild, to approach the Food Controller on the matter and to point out that the prices fixed were much too high.

This, continued Mr. Shaftain, was not done, and asked the Court to conclude that the defendants had sold in excess of the fixed prices in deliberate defiance of the Government order.

Mr. Lowry then imposed the fines as stated.

Cheung Lam, of the Yee Cheung Hoong rice shop, No. 204A, Queen's Road East, and Chan Ping, of the Chan Ping rice shop, No. 243, Hennessy Road, were fined \$200 and \$150, respectively.

The summonses against Wong

FINED \$100 EACH

Ng To, 35 Shing Wo Road, master and owner of the Shun Shing rice shop; Yau Cheong-shun, 2 King Kwong Street, (Cheung Hing Ho rice shop); Chan Ki-ming, 43 Shing Wo Road (Hung Tai Cheong rice shop); Lam Yuen, 34 Shing Wo Road (Wing Cheong Chan rice shop); Ng Shu-wing, 54 Jardine's Bazaar (Tak Cheong Loong rice shop); Cheung Choi, 423 Hennessy Road (Tak Fung Loong rice shop); Pong Kwong, 253 Hennessy Road (Kwong Wo rice shop); Ng Yee, 272 Lockhart Road (Sui Yuen rice shop); Li Chun-wah, 233 Hennessy Road (Shun Fat rice shop); Cheng Lin-to, 20 Cross Street (Yuen Shing Cheong rice shop); Ng Min, 41 Shing Wo Road (Tai Sang Hang rice shop); Chu Cheung, 469 Queen's Road West (Kin Cheong rice shop); Chan Tak-shing, 14 Centre Street (Ming Hing Lung rice shop); and Au Yeung-yuen, 12 Ko Shing Street (Yuen Tsan rice shop).

Tsoi Ching, 51 Stone Nullah Lane (Yuen Chan rice shop); Li Sung, 131A Queen's Road East (Ta Wing rice shop); Shui Sam, 96 Queen's Road East (Yuen Shing rice shop); Li Chung, 54 Second Street (Hip Lung rice shop); Chan Pui, 131 First Street (Tai Man rice shop); Kwong Kiu, 97 Queen's Road West (Yee Loong rice shop); Ling Tak-wah, 333 Queen's Road West (Kwong Sang Cheung rice shop); Chan Kang, 228 Queen's Road West (Kwong Sang Cheung rice shop); Chan Kang, 228 Queen's Road West (Kwong Sang Cheung rice shop);

Stairway Stabbing Is Recalled At Central

UNEMPLOYED ON CAPITAL CHARGE

Allegations that, after several attempts to persuade the deceased to return to his home had failed, defendant stabbed the former while on the way to the police station to settle the matter, were made by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, when outlining the Crown case against WU LEUNG, unemployed, who is facing a charge of murder.

Wu was charged, before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Central Magistracy yesterday, with the murder of a 26-year-old married woman, Lo Kiu, at No. 5 Sheung Fung Lane on Dec. 23.

Mr. Reynolds was assisted by Det. Sub-Insp. R. Cunningham. Mr. Reynolds said that deceased first became acquainted with accused three years ago, the latter then being employed as a car cleaner by Messrs Gilman and Company.

Deceased lived with her elder married sister and her husband and the latter's mother at No. 150 Hollywood Road. Towards the beginning of this year deceased went to live together with defendant and his mother at Spring Garden Lane but moved away from defendant's mother and lived at No. 10 Kennedy Street.

LOST EMPLOYMENT

Defendant lost his job and he and deceased then returned to live with defendant's mother. After a quarrel with defendant's mother deceased left accused and went to her sister. During that time deceased had returned to defendant's house twice.

After defendant had called at the house a number of times deceased's sister, Lo Kam-pun, changed their address, telling no one where they had removed to. One day, while returning from a visit, Lo Kam-pun noticed defendant who was apparently following her. Some time later defendant knocked at the door and shouted for "Ah Kiu" but was told by the inmates that there was no such person.

"WANT TO RETURN"

Accused then asked for the girl who was making the quilt and deceased opened the door. Accused was heard to say, "Do you want to return to Wanchai or



Mr. H. J. Tadema-Wielandt, Chancellor of the Netherlands Consulate-General, with his bride, formerly Miss Jean McLaren, daughter of Sir John and Lady McLaren, of Sydney, N.S.W., after their marriage at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday. Lt.-Col. the Rev. S. Hinchliffe, S.C.F., officiated.—(King's Studio).

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the British War Organisation Fund:—

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$618,170.7.

Anonymous \$5; L. Blair (Monthly) 10; H. Hancock (Monthly) 25; L. E. N. Ryan 100; Lam Fook Loy (Monthly) 20; Anonymous 10; Mrs. M. M. Drake (Monthly) 10; John Forbes (Monthly) 25; Davies, Brooke and Gran (Monthly) 70; Anonymous 1; Q.A.I.M.N.S. Mess. (Monthly) 15; M. G. Caruthers (Monthly) 15; D. W. Hume (Monthly) 10; Garrison Concert Party proceeds from "Music Hall 1940" 500; Sale of Postal Labels, 10.50; Sale of 1 C.H.S.S. Badge per Mrs. W. Park 1; Bazaar held at the St. Paul's Girls College, per Dr. Katie Woo 50; The H.K.V.D.C. Nursing Detachment—proceeds of the Revue "Pure and Simple" at the Helena May Institute on Nov. 16, 600; D. C. Edmondson (Monthly) 250; Rev. and Mrs. Broadfoot (Monthly) 5; V. Hat 50; Anonymous 25 Total, \$819,986.87

BRILLIANT BATTING PERFORMANCES BY LAY, J. M. GOSANO

Recreio Bowlers Play Havoc With Army Batsmen

YOUNG FRANCIS LAY PLAYED A VERY PROMINENT PART IN HELPING THE K. C. C. TO BEAT THE HONGKONG C. C. on the latter's ground last Saturday. Going in number five, he played very aggressive cricket and runs came off his bat at a rattling pace. In one over from M. F. Haymes he hit a beautiful six into Queen's Road, three boundaries and two singles. His fifty odd minutes' stay at the wicket produced 83 runs in which were included 13 fours. When only eleven runs short of the century, he had the misfortune to be run out.

Donald Anderson who opened the K.C.C. innings with Duggie Hume, and with whom Lay was associated in a big partnership, played a steady innings for 48 runs at which score he was caught by L. T. Ride off the bowling of Harry Owen-Hughes. When the declaration was made, K.C.C. had scored 181 runs for five wickets.

Of the Club bowlers on view, K. M. Rumfah, with the dismissal of S. Yusuf, the Indian A.C. innings came to a close with the score standing at 119.

Or the Craigen-gower batsmen, only Ernie Zimmermann, George Souza and A. Hulse reached double figures. When bad light necessitated stumps being drawn, Craigen-gower had 86 on the board for the loss of eight wickets.

CIVIL SERVANTS HELP

The match at Pokfulam where the University entertained the Civil Servants, was another drawn affair. The hosts had first lease of the wicket and thanks to an eighth wicket partnership between T. T. Chin and Sen-Gupta, which produced 40 runs, their score was carried from 98 for seven to 134 for eight. The "Varsity" innings was closed at 138 for nine.

For the Civil Service, K. J. Attwell again got going with the bat and together with R. H. Griffiths, he put up 98 runs in a second wicket partnership before being out. Attwell contributed 41 and Griffiths 39.

However, bad light robbed the Civil Servants of victory. With six wickets in hand, they only required 70 runs to win when stumps were drawn.

TAME DRAW AT VALLEY

The match between Craigen-gower and the Indian R.C. at the Valley was a dull affair and ended in a tame draw. The Indians batted first and soon found themselves in difficulties. Abdul Rumfah was beautifully caught at slip by Percy Ismail who picked the ball very low with his left hand. Having regard for the fact that he is left-handed, I wonder if he would have brought off the catch if it had gone to his right.

Another good catch was brought off by Peter Esmail when he held a fast low one, also at slip, to dismiss Ahmed Madar who has played a useful innings for 43 runs.

The only two Indian batsmen who seemed to be able to cope with the bowling were Madar and

MARRIED V. SINGLES CRICKET MATCH

The following will take part in the Married v. Singles cricket match to be held at the Craigen-gower Club on Dec. 26 (Boxing Day) at 11 a.m.

Married:—E. Zimmermann (Capt.), W. K. Way, T. Lock, J. L. Young-says, T. Waller, U. H. Esmail, A. H. Hamson, A. K. Ismail, B. R. Innes, J. W. Leonard, C. W. Lam, G. H. A. Morris, G. Tannery, W. Hong Sling.

Singles:—G. Souza (Capt.), A. M. Omar, A. J. Hulse, Ramchand, P. J. Billimoria, T. H. Edgar, J. Lodge, S. Leonard, E. H. Esmail, G. Ladd, S. R. Spina, A. Hup, N. Broadbridge, L. Choe.

There will be a tea dance immediately after the match.

TABLE TENNIS: H.K. MEN WIN

The annual Interport Table Tennis Tournament between Hong-kong and Macao, which was played at the Y.M.C.A., was concluded on Saturday night when Hong-kong won four of the five men's singles, two being unplayed owing to lack of time.

Prizes were distributed by Miss Wu Muk-lan, daughter of Mr. Wu Hon-man, and the results of Saturday's matches were:—

Leung Cheuk-fai (H.K.) beat Wong Wing-lin 2-0; Chow Chum-kam beat Luk La-wu 2-0; Lo Kwai-lan beat Wu Kam-ying 2-1; Lee Chum-han beat Kung Wing-po 2-0; Lee Chi-chiu lost to Leung Man-woon 1-2.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY

BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, 6-11 p.m.

BILIARDS.—Y.M.C.A. Billiards match, 7.30-11 p.m.

RUGBY.—Army Small Units League—Royal Scots B v. Middlesex B (Sookunpo) 3 p.m.; 8th Heavy Regt. R.A. v. Service Corps (Sookunpo) 4.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 6-8 p.m.

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL.—International Charity Cup, China v. Scotland (Boundary Street), 3.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Swimming and Swimming Instruction.

K.C.C. second string, L. R. Burch, S. A. Gray and E. Curtis all making useful contributions, the K.C.C. were able to declare at 150 for 7 wickets.

The Police, thanks to consistent scores by their batsmen, were, however, able to overhaul the K.C.C. total and win comfortably. They had 172 on the board for 6 wickets at the close of play. To this total H. E. Hayward contributed 55.

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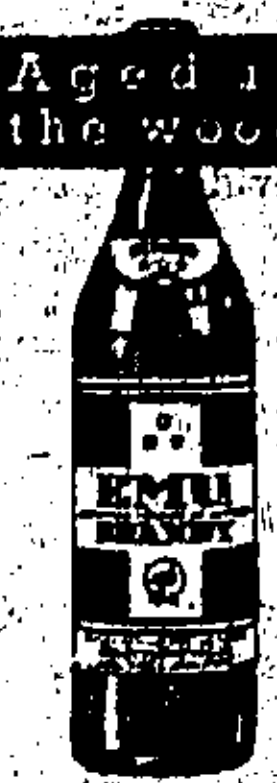
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14 Greed	18 Affirmative reply
15 Genua of grasses	19 Stagger
16 Footlike organ	20 Mohammedan prince
17 Turn to the right	21 Donkey
18 Affirmative reply	22 Stri
19 Stagger	23 Tree
20 Mohammedan prince	24 Elevator
21 Donkey	25 Kahlidic mast
22 Stri	30 Vehicle
23 Tree	31 Routine
24 Elevator	32 Dispatch
25 Kahlidic mast	33 Be tangled
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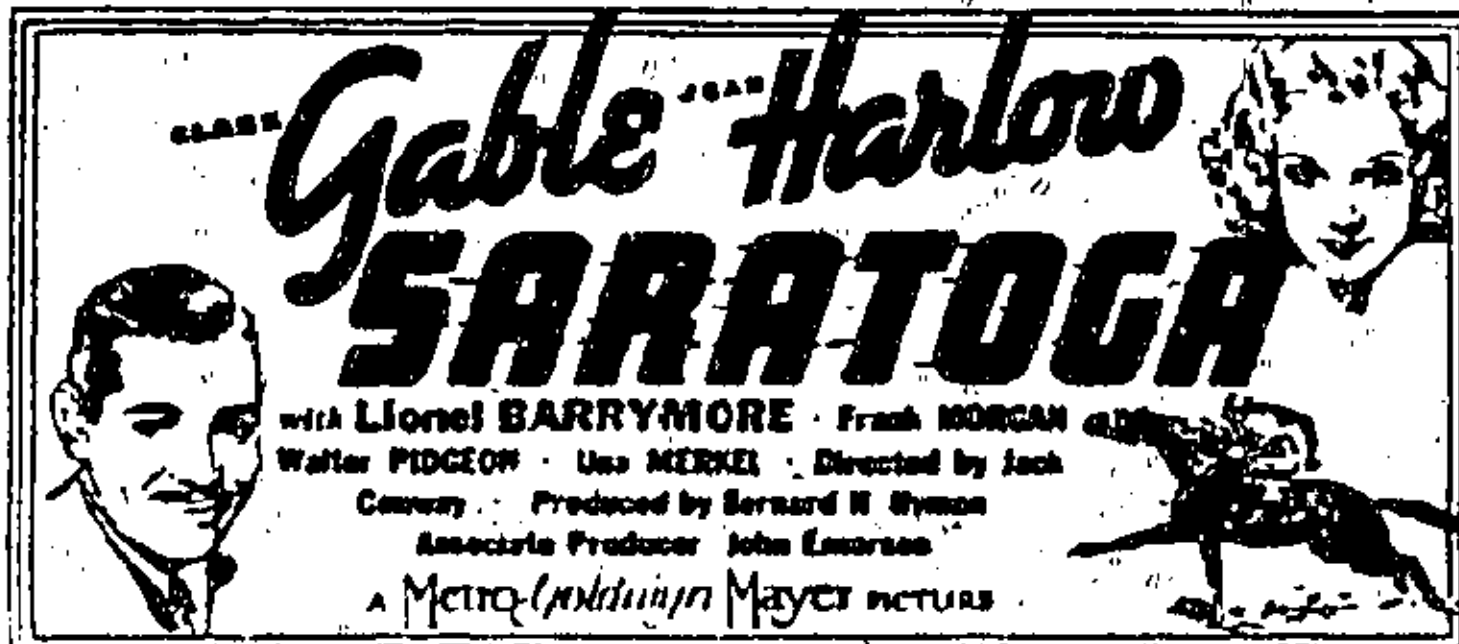


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COMING EVENTS

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24—Tides: High 5 a.m. and 5.42 p.m. Low 10.53 a.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.
Christmas Eve.
H.K. Rotary Club Timm Meeting, 1 p.m.
Service men's Christmas Dinner and Concert, 8 and 9 p.m., 7.30 p.m.
St. Teresa's C.Y.M.S. Social Gathering, 9 p.m.
St. Andrew's Fellowship, Christmas Dinner and Party, 7 p.m.
Claims against estate of Plinio Tinoco and Wong Cheuk-ling due: Y.M.C.A. Badminton, Mixed Swimming, Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.
Chinese Manufacturers' Union, Exhibition, Kowloon.
St. Andrew's Fellowship, Christmas Party at Fanning Babies' Home, 5.30 p.m.
Emmanuel Church, Carol Service & Christmas Gifts for Fanning Babies Home and Short Play by Young Peoples Club, 8 p.m.
War-time Intercession Service, St. Andrew's, 6 p.m.
Midnight Mass at Catholic Churches.
Christ Church, Carols, Christmas Play and Midnight Eucharist.

25—Tides: High 6.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Low 12.43 a.m. and 11.45 a.m.
Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 5.46 p.m.
Christmas Day.
International Charity Cup Soccer, Scotland v. China (Boundary St.).
Rosary Church Rectory, Children's Party, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
26—Tides: High 7.50 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.40 a.m. and 12.32 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.
Boxing Day.
Kwong Race Meeting.
International Charity Cup Soccer, Portugal v. England (Kowloon P.O.).
Charity Softball, K.F.C., 10.30 a.m.
Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9 a.m.; Swimming, Chess Night, 6 p.m.
27—Tides: High 8.57 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.28 a.m. and 1.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 5.47 p.m.
A.O.C. Dinner Dance.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.
Evacuation Representative Committee, Public Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 6 p.m.
Kowloon Tong Garden City Assn. Draw for Debentures, 6 p.m.
28—Tides: High 9.53 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 3.13 a.m. and 1.59 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.
Little Flower Club Christmas Dinner.
29—Tides: High 10.39 a.m. and 9.30 p.m. Low 3.54 a.m. and 2.40 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.48 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Chinese Recreation Club "At Home."

30—Tides: High 11.24 a.m. and 10.08 p.m. Low 4.32 a.m. and 3.20 p.m.
Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 5.49 p.m.
Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 22:—Small-Pox one case (imported); Diphtheria, three cases; Enteric Fever, three cases; Measles, three cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, eight cases; Tuberculosis 24 cases.

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DICKEN'S "CHRISTMAS CAROL"

FROM THE STUDIO
Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Mantovani and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

Slow Fox-Trots — The Red Maple Leaves; There's Rain in My Eyes; Waltz — The Dance Goes On (from "Over She Goes"); Slow Fox-Trot — Did I Remember? (Jim "Suzy"), Tangos — O Balalaika, Aloha, Marimba; Slow Fox-Trots — Raindrops; Your Heart and Mine; Waltz — The Humming Waltz.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 London Palladium Orchestra and Miliza Korjus (Soprano).

La Siesta—Bacchante (Norton, arr. Lettier); The Grasshopper's Dance (Bucalossi)—London Palladium Orchestra; Volens of Spring (Strauss)—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra. When You Dream About Hawaii (from "These Foolish Things"); Love Makes the World Go Round (from "These Foolish Things")—London Palladium Orchestra; La Villanelle (Dell'Acqua)—Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orchestra; Demoselle Chic—Intermezzo (Percy Fletcher); Three Dream Dances—No. 3 (Coleridge Taylor)—London Palladium Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Comedian—Button Up Your Shoes and Dance (Wall); What Was That That You Said? (Wall)—Max Wall with Orchestra; Humorous Sketch — The Lodger (Gladys Newman)—The Pol-De-Rois; Vocal—You Better Change Your Tune (Whitting and Weldon); This Time It's Real (from "Follies of 1933")—Rose Marie with Orchestra; Accordion—Mason's Apron — Reel; Rakes of Colonnell—Jig — Frank Murphy with Piano; Vocal — Sing Me A Swing Song (Adams); There's A New World (from "Okay for Sound")—The Hatch with Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.52 Dance Music.

Fox-Trot — The King's Navee — Jack Jackson and His Orchestra; Quickstep — F. D. R. Jones (from "The Little Dog Laughed") — Jack Harris and His Orchestra; Party Dance — Knees Up, Mother Brown; The Black-Out Stroll—Oscar Rabin and His Band; Novelty Fox-Trot — The Fairy on the Christmas Tree — The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra; Rumba—Siboney—Alfredo Brito and His Orchestra; Quickstep—Goodbye Sally—The Organ; The Dance Band & Me; Comedy Waltz—All Over Italy—Ray Noble and His Orchestra; Quickstep — Kiss Me Goodnight Sergeant Major — Sidney Lipton and His Grosvenor House Dance Orch.

7.00 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Variety.

Vocal—Was It Rain? Sweet Heartache (both from "The Hit Parade") — Frances Langford with Orchestra; Vocal — A Shanty in a One Horse Town; Waltzing Matilda (An Australian Song) — The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Orch. Piano — Keep A Twinkle In Your Eye—Quickstep; Dream Awhile—Slow Fox-Trot—Gerry Moore; Vocal — Blazin' The Trail (Fowell and Others); Twilight on the Trail (from "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine") — The Hill Billies with Their Own Novelty Accom. Vocal—Melody from the Sky (from "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine"); Is It True What They Say About Dixie? — Frances Langford with Orchestra.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.23 Vocal Programme.

John Noel (Soprano); Paul Robeson (Bass) with Piano accom. When Evening's Twilight (Haffon); Sweet and Low (Tennison-Barby)—The Salisbury Singers unaccompanied; Love Is Mine (Gartner); Waltz (D'Harderlok Salomon)—Alfred Picaver (Tenor) with Piano accom. It Was a Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare and Morley)—The B.B.C. Wireless Singers — Unaccompanied. There Is A Tavern in the Town (Trad.) — Harold Williams and B.B.C. Male Chorus. At Mother's Knee (Some favourite lullabies)—Intro: Cradle Song (Schubert); Ma curly headed Baby (Chittam); Lullaby (Brahms); Rush-a-ye Baby — Essie Ackland (Contralto) with Orchestra and Chorus.

8.30 Orchestral Selections.

Overture "Mansueto" (Alber) — B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. The Enchanted Lake (Lidov)—Serge Koussevitzky conducting the Boston Symphony Orchestra. "Prince Igor" — Polovni March (Borodin—Rimsky Korsakov)—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra. Fantasia—The British Empire — England: The British Grenadiers; Ireland — The Minstrel Boy; India — Rekhtah; Wales — March of the Men of Harlech; Canada—Canoëing Song; Australia—Aboriginal Air; South Africa—Folk Song; Scotland—Callers Herrin and The Hundred Pipers; New Zealand—National Song; Finale—Mayfair Symphony Orchestra.

8.00 London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay — Talk: "Scots Abroad."

9.45 Corelli—Concerto Grosso in G Minor ("Christmas Concerto").

London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Bruno Walter.

10.00 Studio—An Abridged Version of Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

10.30 Hutchinson—A Noel Fantasy from "A Carol Symphony."

Royal Opera Orchestra, Covent Garden, conducted by Hely Hutchinson.

10.40 Royal Command Performance.

To Heart-Easing Mirth (Purcell, Davico)—Isabel Baillie; Elsie Suddie; Astra Desmond and Chorus. The Cloud-Capt Towers (Stevens)—Massed Chorus. Y Bore Glas (Welsh Folk Song) — Margaret Rees and Welsh Chorus. Twankydllo (English Folk Song) — Robert Easton and English Chorus. England (Parry) — Mary Jarred and Massed Chorus. Jerusalem (Parry); National Anthem (Final verse)—Massed Chorus.

11.00 Close down.

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NEWS IN ENGLISH

Transmission I—News Summary
Full Bulletin 4.00 p.m.
Full Bulletin 5.00 p.m.
Transmission V—News Summary
Full Bulletin 6.45 p.m.
Full Bulletin 7.30 p.m.
do 9.15 p.m.
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Full Bulletin 7.30 a.m.
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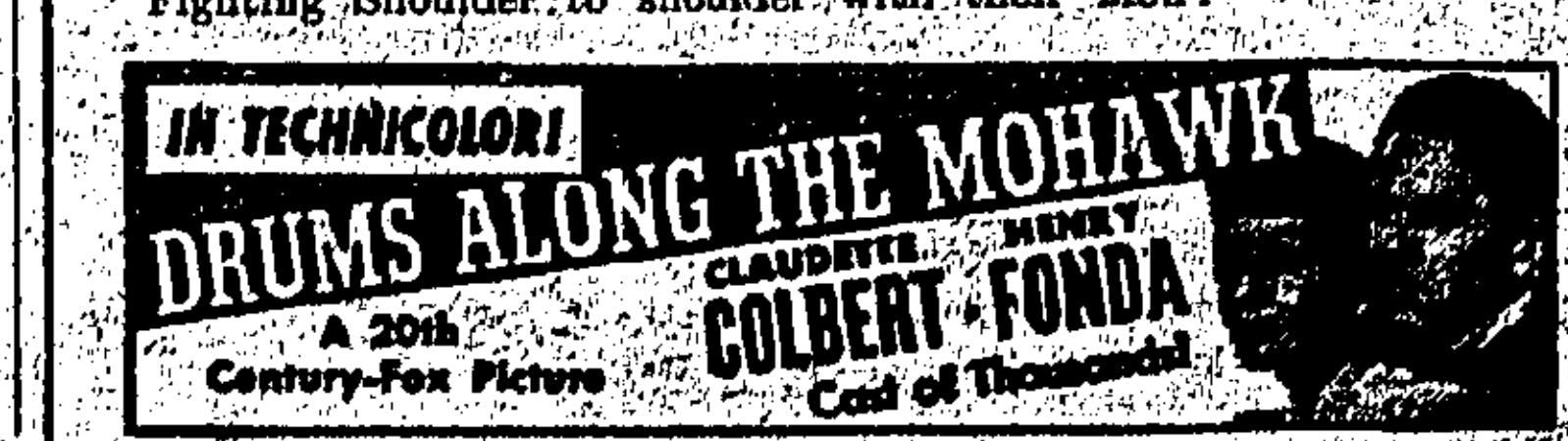


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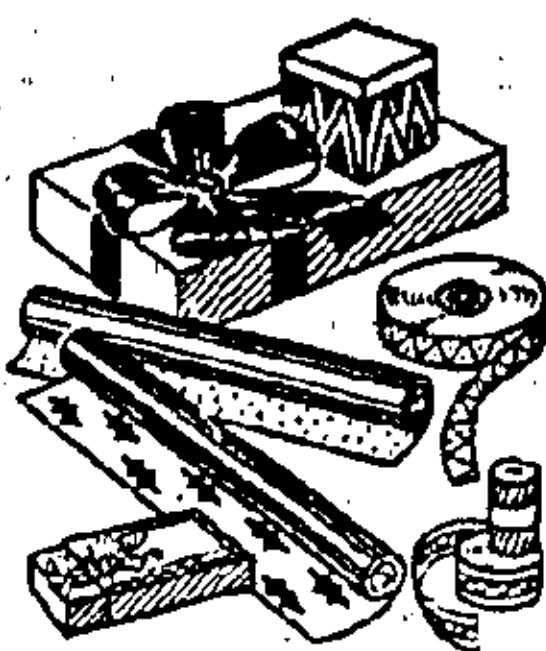
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DEFENCE OF BRITAIN IN HANDS OF HIGH TALENT

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—When Mr. Winston Churchill, the Prime Minister, recently declared that it is not only in Egypt that Britain had officers of the calibre of General Wavell, and his commanders, he was undoubtedly referring to General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff at the War Office, says Reuter's Military correspondent.

The dam of work between General Dill and Gen. Wavell has been responsible for a military triumph. It is a matter for congratulation that such high talent is at the helm in the immediate future when plans must contemplate the turning of the enemy's sword of invasion and counter-thrusting effectively, and, if possible, fatally.

So long as enemy naval units, barges and troops and air forces are concentrated at any German sea bases from Narvik in the north to Bordeaux in the south, the threat of invasion may become a reality.

During the winter months, the Germans have more opportunity of making their concentrations without observation than in the summer.

The strength of the Luftwaffe is estimated at 30,000 aircraft of which about 7,000 are bombers, so it is likely that the attempted invasion will be heralded by a strong advance of parachute troops.

That the Government believes that such an attack is coming, is certain.

The British victories in North Africa has intensified the likelihood of it. When Italy is defeated and the whole force of the British blockade can be turned against Germany, the Nazis will mobilise their total resources for a final decision.

Hence, the significance to Britain of men like Gen. Dill.

ANOTHER SHAI MURDER

Japanese Succumbs To Knife Wounds

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23 (Central).—A Japanese consular policeman was found lying in a pool of blood near Wen Miao Road in Nantao, Shanghai, late on the night of Dec. 20, suffering from serious knife wounds, according to the Shanghai Evening Post and Mercury.

He was rushed to the International Relief Committee's hospital in the Refugees Zone, but succumbed shortly afterwards owing to loss of blood.

Japanese gendarmes conducted a rigorous search in Wen Miao Road, but without results.

SOVIET PROTEST LODGED

RUMANIAN ARRESTS SEQUEL

BELGRADE, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A protest against an anti-Soviet campaign in Rumania and against describing arrested persons as Communists "when they have nothing to do with the Communist movement," is reported to have been lodged by the Soviet Minister in Bucharest, M. Lavren tiff.

He is reported to have stated that Rumania's actions were "intended to camouflage subversive actions of the Rumanian Legion" and he demanded that they should cease.

"INSTRUCTION" TROOPS
LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—New detachments of German troops of "instruction" have arrived at Timisoara, Rumania, during the week, according to a Bucharest newspaper report to the Italian news agency.

The report adds that General Huber has been appointed supreme commander of German troops in Timisoara district. Timisoara has important railway communications with Yugo-Slavia and Hungary.

JAPANESE MILITARY MISSION

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The first Japanese military mission of its kind since 1918 left Japan en route for Germany and Italy yesterday.

The Domei Agency says that the mission, headed by Lieut. General Yamashita, Director General of Military Aviation, is travelling via Siberia.

AMERICA-JAPAN WAR AIM OF GERMANY

U.S. Commentator On Nazi Statement

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—A broadcast talk from Washington on the subject of the statement made by a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman on America's attitude was given by Mr. Linton Wells.

The noted American commentator said that officials in Washington state that Germany hopes to force the United States into war with Japan.

The object of this would be to divert America's attention to the east.

"Impudence" was the comment by the New York Times yesterday on the Berlin statement.

The German Government, says the paper, is poorly advised if it does not realise that both the political parties and the overwhelming mass of the people are united behind the policy of helping Britain so that the defence of the Atlantic remains in friendly hands.

FOOL-PROOF RUPEES

INDIAN GOVT. TO MINT NEW ISSUE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The Indian Government has decided to institute large-scale minting of silver rupees for early issue owing to increased demand due to trade and absorption by hoarding.

The new coins will consist of one-half silver and one-half alloy compared with the present coins of eleven-twelfths silver and one-twelfth alloy.

They will have a special groove in the edge which is practically an absolute safeguard against counterfeiting.

VICHY GOVT. AND SYRIA

BROADCAST APPEAL FOR CONFIDENCE

VICHY, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—"If Marshal Petain is determined to take no military initiative against anyone, he is also determined to preserve for France what she has acquired from Spain," declared General Bergeret, the French Minister for Air, in a broadcast from Beirut, reported by the French news agency.

General Bergeret said that he would be able to report very favourably to Marshal Petain following his inspection of the French air force in Syria and Lebanon.

"Men of Syria and Lebanon: I can assure you that in spite of his preoccupations in Europe, the Marshal is not forgetting any territory where the French flag waves. You can have complete confidence in the Marshal as he has confidence in you."

EARLY COLLAPSE OF KONOYE CABINET IS PREDICTED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—In a leader dealing with the reshuffle of the Japanese Cabinet, the official Central Daily News declared yesterday that the Japanese Cabinet is going to collapse.

The inclusion of Baron Hiranuma as Minister of the Interior and Mr. Araki as Minister without Portfolio is seen by the Chinese Daily as an attempt on the part of Prince Konoye to pacify Rightist elements.

Describing the Konoye Cabinet as Japan's last card and the inclusion of Rightist elements in the Cabinet as the last card of the Premier, the daily predicts the early collapse of the Konoye Cabinet, followed by important political upheavals in Japan.



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CLAIM FOR POSSESSION OF HILLMAN MINX

Defendant Questioned On Ability To Purchase Cars On Salary Of \$24 A Month

AT THE RESUMED HEARING OF THE CLAIM BROUGHT BY CHAN SI-YING, WIDOW, AGAINST LO SANG, A FORMER FIRST-CLASS DISTRICT WATCHMAN, for the return of a Hillman Minx Saloon, No. 2839, valued at \$1,000, before Mr. Justice Williams at the Supreme Court yesterday, the defendant was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. J. M. D'Almeida Remedios, for the plaintiff, as to his ability in purchasing motor-cars when his salary, as a district watchman, was only \$24 per month.

During the course of the cross-examination, defendant denied that he was married or had a concubine. He stated that he borrowed money from his aunt from time to time, and had borrowed \$1,000 from her in March of this year. He went on to say that all loans were free of interest and that he was not required to sign any promissory notes. \$700 was paid down as first payment for the car, said witness.

Questioned as to whether he seriously meant to say that his aunt would lend him money every time he needed it, without interest, without promissory note, and without prospects of being repaid, witness replied that there were prospects of repayment.

His Lordship: What prospects?—The prospects are that when I sell a car, I will be able to pay her all back.

Asked by Mr. Remedios whether he borrowed \$2,000 from his aunt in connection with the purchase of the car, witness said that he borrowed only \$1,000 in cash and that the other \$1,000 was owing previously.

Mr. Remedios: How did you manage? Your salary was only \$24 per month and you had to keep yourself going?—When I borrowed the money I was expecting to pay her back \$1,000 when I re-sell the car.

Witness denied that he obtained the money from the plaintiff. He did not, he said in reply to another question, borrow money to purchase car No. 775 as he had \$300 left from the previous loan of \$1,000. He denied having bought the car (No. 775).

REPAID AUNT \$200
Asked what he did with the balance of the \$300 from the \$1,000, witness said that he repaid his aunt \$200, in June, and paid the first month's instalment of \$70. He also paid the subsequent four instalments, as his car was making money for him.

Asked whether he had not to pay down a lump sum for the Baby Ford and a deposit of \$350 for the Hillman Minx at the time of changing over the first for the second, defendant replied in the affirmative, adding that he again borrowed the money from his aunt. He did not sign any promissory note for this loan.

CAR TAKEN BACK
Witness further admitted having entered into an agreement to purchase car No. 3579 on the hire-purchase system and to having paid a deposit of \$250 on that car. He, however, denied that the car was taken back by the owners on his failing to pay the instalments, and said that the car was in a garage for repairs to be carried out.

Pressed by Mr. Remedios whether it was not a fact that the owners, acting under certain conditions in the agreement, took possession of the car from the Ah Tung garage on Saturday, defendant stated that they did so but without any warning to him. The total amount he paid on that car was only \$250.

"A WONDERFUL AUNT"
Mr. Remedios:—You had such a wonderful aunt, why did you not go to her for the \$50 (instalment) instead of having the car taken away?—I did not go to her because the car was being repaired.

Questioned as to whether he had re-sold any cars he bought, from loans from his aunt, witness said that he re-sold car No. 775. Reminded by Mr. Remedios that he had told the Court that he never bought car No. 775, witness stated that his reply was a mistake as he did not understand the question. He did buy car No. 775, and that he obtained part of the \$500 needed from his aunt.

Witness denied that he went with plaintiff to a goldsmith's shop to melt down the plaintiff's jewellery. Asked as to why plaintiff should want to melt her jewellery, defendant replied that it was because she was in need of money to redeem her mul-tai in Kwong-chau-wan.

SUB-POENAED WITNESS
Leung Yee, motor-car driver, a witness sub-poenaed for the de-

fence, said that he acted as broker for the Baby Ford when it was sold to Lo Sang. Plaintiff was never present on any occasion before the sale was closed.

Cross-examined, witness said that the deposit of \$200 was handed to him by defendant to pay to the seller, but that the final payment of \$500 was handed direct to the seller by Lo Sang.

His Lordship: According to the defendant, he bought the car from Lau Leung and that the plaintiff was present at that time?—I still say she was not present.

HUSBAND AND WIFE
Lee Hong, a fitter employed by Messrs. Dodwell's Motor Garage, another witness appearing on subpoena, testified to having sold his Hillman Minx to either plaintiff or defendant. They were both present at all stages of the negotiations and also at the paying over of the \$130 deposit in a tea-house in Bonham Road.

He could not say who actually bought the car, but as the Baby Ford was registered in the name of Chan Si-ying he asked her to sign the transfer of the licence. The name of the owner given to him for registration on the Hillman Minx was also that of Chan Si-ying.

As the plaintiff was introduced to him by defendant as his wife, he naturally took the man to be the buyer. The car was handed over to the purchaser by a broker. At this stage, further hearing was provisionally adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on Jan. 8, 1941.

H.K. AMATEUR DANCING COMPETITION

The annual amateur dancing competition, sponsored by the Hongkong Chinese Dancers' Association, was held at the Ritz on Sunday when a large attendance was present.

Nine couples in all took part in the competition which consisted of tango, fast and slow fox-trot and waltz. A demonstration of the tango was given by Mr. T. C. Kan and Miss Tang.

The prize winners were: Mr. Wong Man and Miss Chan; Mr. Tse Kim-hung and Miss Tang; and Mr. Chol Tung and Miss Wong.

ARRIVALS IN THE COLONY

Arrivals from Shanghai by a Dutch vessel yesterday were Mr. A. F. Gimson, Mr. R. B. Landis, Miss C. R. Ady, Mr. R. Ady, and Mr. Kamahand Jethmal. An arrival from Amoy was Miss H. F. McDougall.

Through passengers by the same vessel for Manila were Rev. Fr. D. M. D. Cruzado, Mr. E. Hayim, Mr. E. Hobden, Mr. O. N. Edmunds, Mrs. M. P. Gibbins, Mr. R. Sello, Mr. A. Sello and Mr. A. Sales.

Passengers for Sourabaya were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Yates, Mr. A. A. Yates and Mrs. J. W. Yates, Mrs. K. V. Scheewe and Miss M. L. Francis.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Moses Wu, assistant manager, residing at No. 6, Morrison Hill Road, and Miss Alice Wong, nurse, of No. 1, Sharp Street, West.

Mr. Augusto Lau, staff radiographic assistant, residing at No. 10, Prince's Terrace, and Miss Rosa Pereira, of No. 7, St. Francis Street.

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

IMPERSONATION CHARGE

Appearing before Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday on charges of impersonating a police officer and with demanding money with menaces, Tam Chan, 24, unemployed, was remanded 72 hours for further inquiries.

Tam was alleged to have, on Dec. 20, at No. 329 Lockhart Road, ground floor, impersonated as a police officer for an unlawful purpose. Defendant was further alleged to have demanded, with menaces, the sum of \$200 from Wan San, 27, iron worker.

Tam pleaded not guilty to both charges.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison is in charge of the case.

THEFT OF GUNNY SACKS

Pleading guilty to stealing 49 gunny sacks from a godown of Kwan On Co., Morrison Hill Road, on Dec. 22, Wong Sang, 49, unemployed, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison said that at about 5 a.m. a constable on patrol saw defendant carrying two bundles of sacks at Gap Road. When questioned defendant admitted stealing them from the godown.

Defendant also pleaded guilty to a second charge of the possession of a pair of pliers fit for an unlawful purpose.

HOTEL THEFT SEQUEL

Charged with theft of a wallet containing H. K. \$30 and \$150 Chinese currency, property of C. F. Wong, from Room 318, St. Francis Hotel, on Dec. 22, Wong Tin-sans, 35, unemployed, who pleaded not guilty to the charge, was remanded till this morning, by Mr. Lowry yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

AT KOWLOON

DEMANDING MONEY

Convicted of demanding money with menace, Chan Chau, 26, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, followed by expulsion, by Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday.

Det.-Sgt. Morrison, who prosecuted, said that the complainant, Tang Hin, 40, was a magician, playing his business at the vacant ground at Shanghai Street. On Saturday Chinese Sub-Inspector Wong Nai-hin was waiting for a bus in the vicinity and saw the defendant and two other Chinese surround the complainant. The defendant raised his fist in a manner as if he was going to strike the complainant. He went up to inquire and the complainant told him that the defendant threatened him and wanted \$2 as entrance fee of a society.

The defendant alleged that his brother had paid quite a sum of money to the magician to learn magic but his tricks proved unsuccessful and he was asking the defendant to pay him back the money.

STOLEN FROM CAR

Mrs. H. F. Phillips, of No. 28, Kadoorie Avenue, appeared as complainant before Mr. Himsforth yesterday in the case in which Ma Shun-tai, 22, was charged with larceny of a canvas bag and contents.

The defendant, who was arrested by a Chinese constable in the act of stealing the bag from the complainant's car parked outside No. 174, Prince Edward Road on Saturday, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour, followed by expulsion.

The bag and contents, valued at \$26, were recovered.

LARCENY OF RING

Sentence of a month's hard labour, followed by expulsion, was imposed by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen yesterday on Cheung Ping, 33, for stealing a gold ring from a goldsmith.

It was stated that the defendant went to the shop about 6.50 p.m. on Sunday and pretended to buy a ring. The faki gave him a gold ring, valued at \$28, which he took and walked out of the shop.

A Chinese constable gave chase and arrested him.

SUPERSTITION VICTIM

How superstition claimed another victim was related before Mr. Himsforth yesterday when Ho Shing, 30, was charged with obtaining \$352.50 from a rubber dealer, Chan Sun-ng, by falsely pretending that he would buy

ACCUSED GIVES EVIDENCE

FALSE PRETENCES ALLEGED

Evidence for the defence was given before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday in the case in which Henry Chao, 37, broker, is charged with obtaining \$14,500 from Wong Bor, proprietor and manager of the Hongkong Sporting Arms Company at No. 22 Pottinger Street on July 19 by falsely pretending that it had been demanded by the Central Trust of China in connection with a certain contract then being negotiated between the latter and the Central Trust.

Mr. W. A. Mackinlay appeared for the prosecution, while Mr. F. I. Zimmerman was for the defence.

PART OF COMMISSION

Defendant refuted complainant's evidence to the effect that he had said that the money had been demanded by the Central Trust as commission. Witness said that the sums paid him were part of the commission money due him for his assistance in bringing about the contract.

He denied having represented himself before Henry H. Lin, of the Central Trust, as a partner of complainant in his firm. He further denied having asked complainant's permission to return the money by instalments of \$1,000 per month.

Defendant admitted that complainant had asked him for the return of the money, but he did not do so because the money paid him was part of his commission. Hearing was adjourned to today at 11.30 a.m.

lottery tickets for the complainant.

Sgt. Haynes said that the defendant had on four occasions obtained money from the complainant on Nov. 4 to buy salt fish. They argued with the complainant's wife, Lo Yin-tai, over the price and there was a fight. It was alleged that the purchaser was assaulted by Lo and a few men.

On returning home Wong told husband. Three days later, it was alleged that the defendant met complainant. He picked up a wooden pole and gave the complainant a blow on the head.

The hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

ROBBERY SEQUEL

Alleged to have entered a light-house at Capsulmun and stole a quantity of valuables, four boatmen, Wu Kwal, 30, Wu Fong, 23, Wu Yan, 23, and Wu Yan-lee, 34, were charged before Mr. Himsforth yesterday with robbery.

Det.-Sgt. A. Allen said that on Nov. 5 the intruders took 100 catties of rice, \$20 Hongkong currency, four pairs of ear-rings and a quantity of clothing.

On information received the alleged robbers were arrested on board a boat at Talkoktsui on Dec. 6.

After evidence the hearing was adjourned to Saturday.

plainant by saying that he could bring him luck if he would buy race tickets through him.

On December 14, the complainant gave him \$50 to buy lottery tickets. Four days later the defendant came back and told the complainant that he had spent the money in a goddess temple praying for luck and he requested \$50 more which the complainant gave him.

The following day the defendant approached the complainant and took away a suitcase, valued at \$32.50, which he was supposed to present to the goddess.

The following day the defendant returned and told the complainant that there were 22 devils who wanted to have \$1 each. The complainant gave him the money.

The defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and is to be expelled from the Colony.

WOUNDING ALLEGED

Cheuk Sang, stonebreaker, was charged before Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with wounding a fish hawk, Yuen Tung.

Det.-Sgt. D. G. MacPherson said that the wife of the defendant Wong Tai, accompanied by another woman, Lam Yung, went to

Lo Kwang-hing, of No. 135 Queen's Road Central, reports that at 2.30 p.m. on Sunday someone got into his shop and stole a wrist watch valued at \$110.



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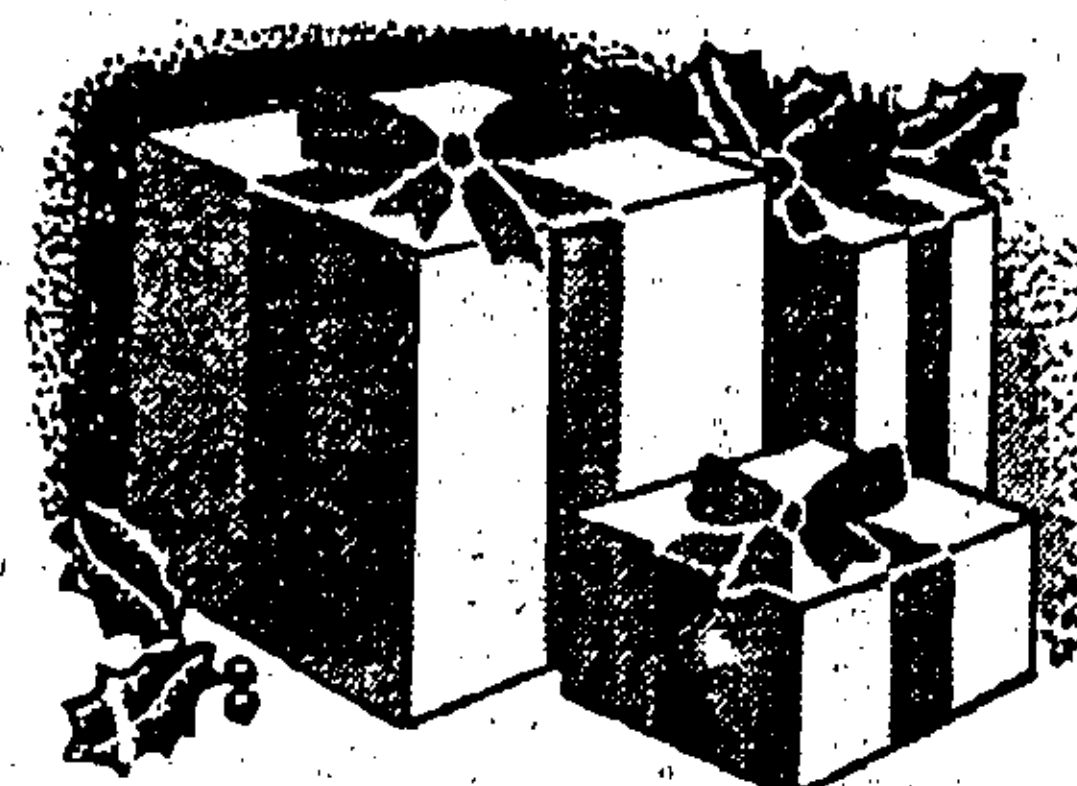
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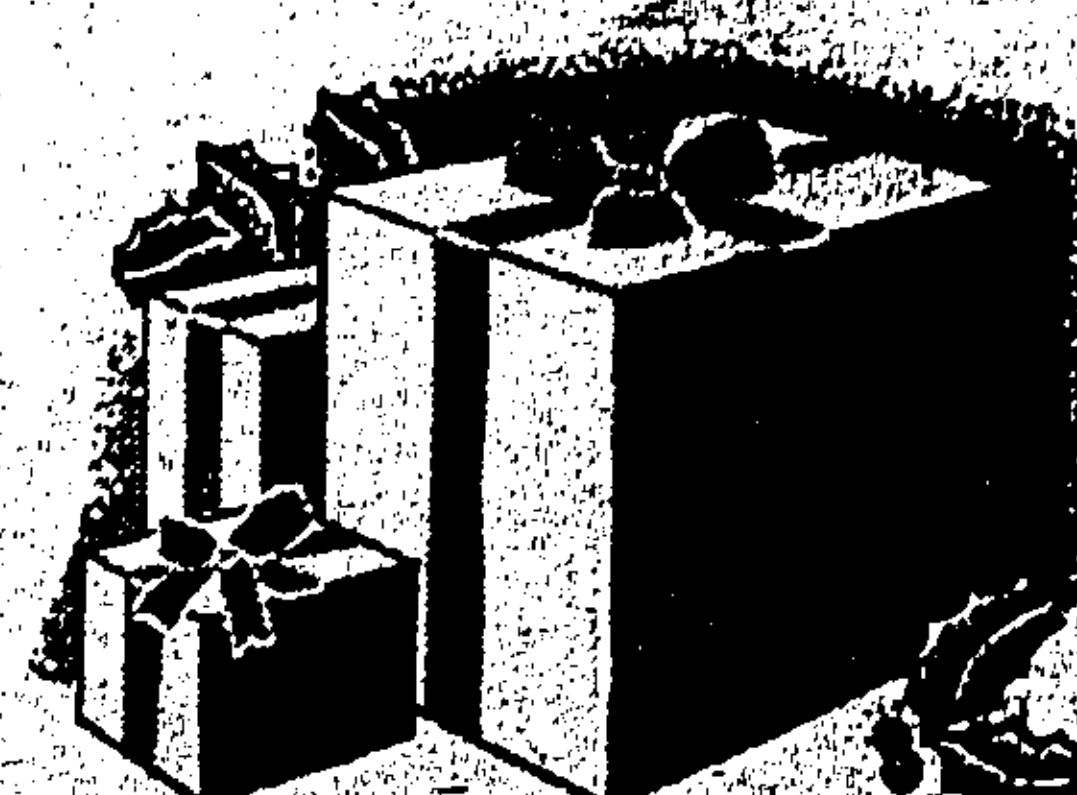


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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1940.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 30th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Castle Peak, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the last three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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1	Castle Peak	As per sale plan	About 18,000	82	900

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate 6/NS. 4412 dated Hongkong, 16th January, 1936 for Three shares of this Bank numbered 97994/97996 inclusive registered in the names of Messrs. Manek Roostumjee Mehta and Dhun Manek Mehta has been Lost or Stolen, and should this certificate not be produced to the Bank before the 11th January, 1941, a new certificate for the shares will be issued, and the aforesaid Certificate No. 6/NS. 4412 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

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Kindly note that as from 30TH DECEMBER, 1940, our new office address will be:—

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NOTICE

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

It is hereby notified that as from January 7, 1941, the telephone number of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, will be

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instead of 30251 as hitherto. The other line, 33383, remains unchanged.

The Daily Press

Editorial and Business Office: 15-19, Queen's Road Central, Tel. 30251.

Night Editor (Wanchai Office): Tel. 24511.

London Office: 53, Fleet Street E.C.4.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24, 1940.

VICHY'S PART IN NEW WAR PHASE

IN SPITE of the veil of secrecy which is being maintained over the negotiations which are taking place between the Vichy Government and the Nazis, the meagre news that has filtered through confirms the opinion of political observers that Vichy will play an important part in the developments of the new war phase. The whole issue hangs on the question whether Marshal Petain will accede to the German pressure for greater co-operation with the Nazis or whether he is in a position to make use of the advantageous situation which has been created for him as a result of the desperate straits into which the Germans have been thrown. Whichever way the Marshal acts, there is no doubt that it will have important repercussions on the latest trend of events. Herr Hitler is well aware of this, but there are cogent reasons which have compelled him to tread cautiously in the way he must handle the situation.

IT IS, THEREFORE, interesting to see how far the Vichy Government's position will affect the present situation. The motive underlying the Nazi pressure is clearly to get control of the French Fleet. This is of paramount importance to Herr Hitler, not because he might be able to use it to help his Italian ally to escape the disaster which threatens him in Albania and in North Africa, but because it will reinforce his now negligible naval strength to balance the potential additions which will go from America to the British Navy and to British mercantile shipping. The French Fleet comprises useful vessels, apart from a number of submarines, which, if they

SAVAGE RAIDS BY JAPANESE

Savage raids were carried out by 12 waves of Japanese planes on towns and villages between Shaguchung, Mrs Bay, and Tamsui, on Sunday. The raids lasted for 12 hours. Over 120 people were killed or wounded and scores of houses and shops were destroyed.

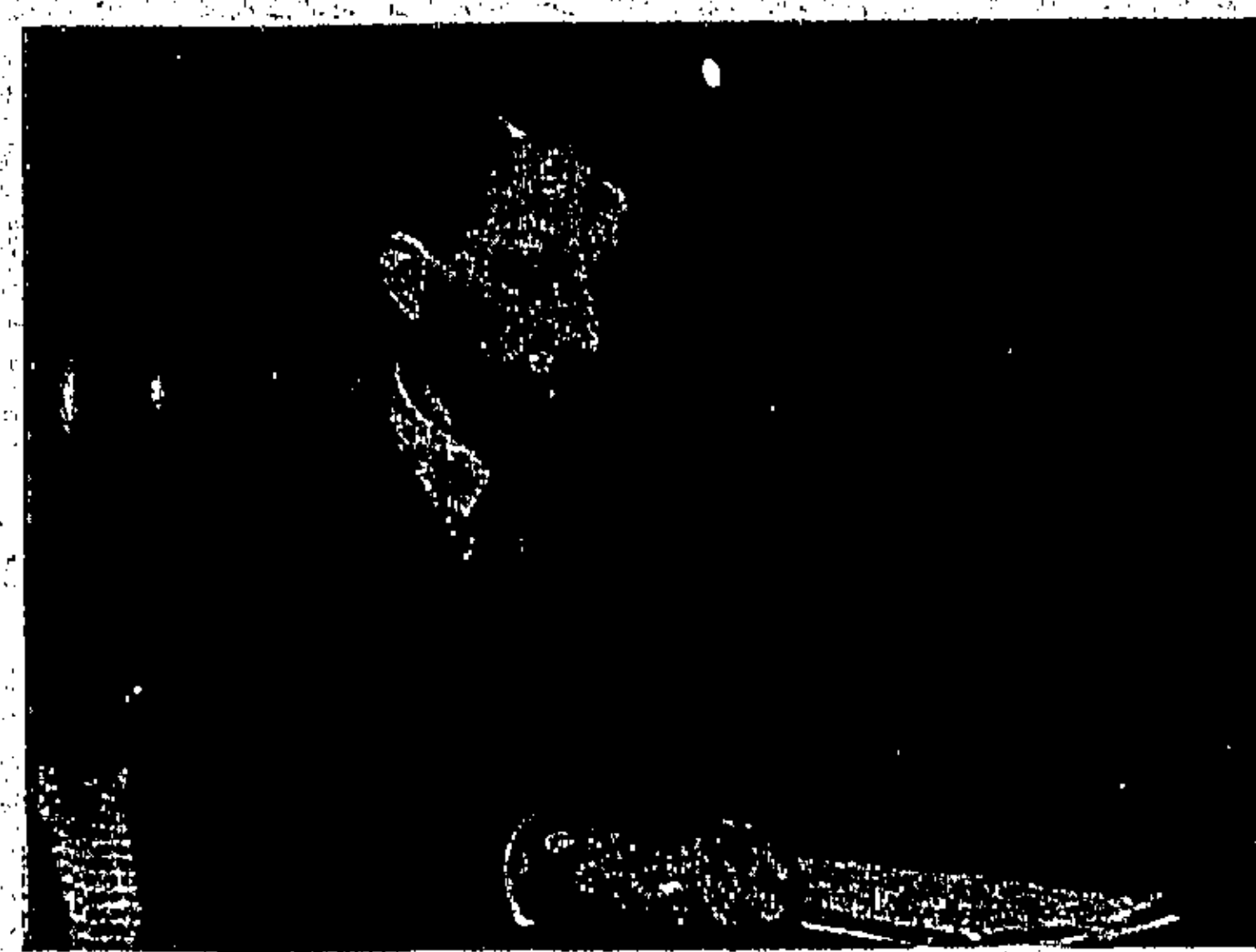
H.M. SWORDFISH OVERDUE

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The British submarine Swordfish (Lieutenant MacLagley) is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communiqué.

pass into Nazi control, will help Herr Hitler to increase his depredations against shipping in the Atlantic—a subject which is already causing the British Government grave concern. Apart from this aspect of the situation, Vichy's acceptance of the German demands will throw unoccupied France open to the passage of German troops to the Mediterranean and might well enable Herr Hitler not only to threaten Gibraltar, but even to force General Franco to join him in a drive through that region and, incidentally, render succour to Italy.

IF MARSHAL PETAIN refuses to give way to Germany, it will not only mean that Herr Hitler's embarrassment will be increased, but that it will add to the spirit of opposition against Germany in the French Colonies, where there are increasing signs of a desire to join General de Gaulle's Free French Forces in an attempt to win back for French people in every part of the world the liberty of their motherland from the brutal grip of the Nazi aggressor. Herr Hitler may, of course, if he is driven to the end of his patience decide to try and seize the French Fleet by force, but that will most probably precipitate a crisis which he certainly sees it is advisable to avoid. An open revolt against him, not only in the Colonies, but in occupied France itself, will present him with a threat which he will find very hard to ignore and even his most callous brutality might not be able to stem the serious consequences which would follow.

WHICH WAY will the Vichy Government turn? Marshal Petain undoubtedly has no more illusions about Herr Hitler's and his promises. He realises that he still has a few trump cards which he can play against the German Fuehrer, but he is also aware that Herr Hitler will be seeking means to undermine his position and secure what he can after without bringing about the crisis which might occur if he has to resort to the use of the mailed fist. The most subtle influence which he has to combat here is M. Laval, despite the fact that the Marshal seems to have sternly opposed his reinstatement in the Vichy Government. The obscurity which prevails over M. Laval's movements, since his release after Herr Hitler's intervention, is ominous and he is probably plotting afresh against the Marshal with the co-operation of his Nazi associates. How long M. Laval will remain persona grata with the Nazis, time will show, because as soon as the Germans realise that his period of usefulness to them is over, his position will be more unenviable probably than that which he occupied in the custody of the Vichy Government.



The Hon. David Bowes-Lyon, brother of H.M. the Queen, is one of the distinguished speakers who contribute regularly to the "Britain Speaks" series in the BBC's Overseas short-wave service.

Congress Party Leaders Court Imprisonment

Congress Party leaders are fully aware of the danger of a Nazi victory—which would represent to them not only inability to obtain anything but the entire loss of what they had gained under British rule—they are nevertheless, at variance with the Government of India over India's declaration of war so much so that they court arrest and imprisonment, said MR. EDWIN HAWARD at a press interview yesterday.

KWEICHOW CHAIRMAN OPTIMISTIC

The international situation is developing in favour of China, and with the grant of new credits to China recently by America and Britain, more military supplies from abroad will be available and the national currency further strengthened, declared Mr. Wu Ting-chang, Chairman of the Kweichow Provincial Government, who returned to Kweichow after a prolonged visit to Szechwan.

Mr. Wu said that Japan is sinking deeper and deeper into the China mire, unable to extricate herself from her predicament. He urged his colleagues and subordinates to redouble their efforts to assist in the achievement of victory over Japan and national regeneration through resistance and reconstruction.

Mr. Wu noted that considerable progress has been made in Szechwan in administration and reconstruction, in which it has set an example worthy of emulation by Kweichow.

During his visit in Szechwan, Mr. Wu conferred with the Government leaders at Chungking and also made a brief trip to Chengtu where he officiated at the ceremony of inauguration of Gen. Chang Chun as Chairman of Szechwan on behalf of the Executive Yuan. He left Chungking on December 17 for Tientsin where he stopped for one day inspecting the local administrative organs and addressed a mass meeting. (Central News).

FARMERS BENEFIT FROM CHARITY BALL

A total of \$3,542.20 (raffle tickets, programmes, advertisements and donations) was raised by the Charity Ball in aid of Refugee Farmers which was held at the Peninsula Hotel last month.

After deducting expenses totaling \$1,412.78 the sum of \$2,129.51 will be added to the funds of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre to give aid to the farmers from China, to assist them in earning a living in the New Territories where they have sought refuge.

The Chairman and Executive Committee of the Centre express their deep appreciation for support of the cause and those who attended and thereby helped to make the Ball a success.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 76 and the minimum 67.

Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.03.

The Royal Observatory report states:—

A moderate anticyclone is developing over N. China and extending southward; pressure remains high to the E.E. of Japan. The depression has deepened and is moving north-eastward across the Sea of Japan. Pressure is moderately low over Thailand.

Mr. Howard is Adviser on Indian Affairs and Deputy Director of the Far Eastern Bureau of the Ministry of Information. He spent many years in India, and was formerly editor of the Civil and Military Gazette and The Pioneer, and the North China Daily News from 1930 to 1938. He left yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. Howard, for Singapore.

DIRECT CONTACT

The new Constitution which was devised for India in 1935 by Parliament was so that the various Indian states could be brought into direct contact with the eleven provinces of British India. India, however, is a victim of her size, her climatic and ethnological complexities.

There are only 95 illiterates to 1,000 people. There are men who are scarcely out of the bow and arrow stage, and there are, on the other hand, men who can take senior positions anywhere in the world—whether in commerce, laws, government, or arts. The adjustment of relationships between the various communities is most difficult.

Mr. Howard emphasised that both the major parties are at one in their hope of a British victory and that there is a general feeling of unity in India over the issue of war.

UNPLEASANT PLACE FOR JAPANESE

MOJIL Dec. 23 (Reuter).—"India has become an unpleasant place for Japanese residents and the British authorities there subject the Japanese to various forms of oppression," Mr. Kiyoshi Komata, Chief of the Mitsui Bussan Trade Service station at Karachi, said upon his arrival here, according to a semi-official Japanese source.

Mr. Komata, who has been in India for 15 years and who returned here with 155 other Japanese evacuees aboard the Haruna Maru, is reported to have declared Japanese export of goods have been so restricted that trade is declining day by day.

"Our attempts to enlighten the natives about Japan through motion pictures and pamphlets have resulted in interference by British officials and whenever a Japanese leaves his residence he is followed by the police who continually watch wherever the Japanese goes," the same source reports Mr. Komata asserted.

FRIENDS OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS

There are now 79 branches of the "Friends of the Wounded" Association at home and abroad with a total membership of 703.

161, reported Lieutenant-Gen. J. L. Huang, Secretary-General of the Association, at the second meeting of the Board of Directors.

Among the Directors present were Dr. H.H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and concurrently Minister of Finance, Dr. Chang Po-ling, Deputy Speaker of the People's Political Council, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Paul Yu Pin, Vicar Apostolic for Nanjing, General Liu Shih, Chungking.

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING IN BRITAIN ABOUT—

NEIGHBOURLINESS:

In wishing his listeners a Happy Christmas, Mr. Howard Marshall, the well-known B.B.C. commentator who speaks weekly in the series "News from Home," referred to the spirit of neighbourliness which had arisen among the people of the British Commonwealth nations as shown by the cheerful Christmas cards he had received from a large number of his listeners.

This, he said, had increased their strength and confidence. After many months of the "blitz" they all felt that they could stand up to it.

"But this spirit of neighbourliness means something more than that," said Mr. Marshall. "It is evidence of the way in which men's minds are moving on the basis on which we must work out a new peace for ourselves and our children. That is what the Christmas cards on my mantelpiece mean to me."

CHRISTMAS:

Mr. Marshall had a few words to say about the Christmas season in London. The shops, he said, are almost as full as ever and there is a real Christmassy look about them.

"I did not think," he said, "that people would be sending Christmas presents and cards this year, but it seems that they are. Everyone is determined to make this a real Christmas. I think this is a good thing."

"Naturally production and war work is going on uninterrupted and we only get one day's holiday if we are lucky. That is right too. Everyone wants to work at a time like this. We feel that there is a sense of emergency, but that does not mean that we are worried about it."

"We feel that Herr Hitler may decide to turn this force against this country. This is only a guess, but it is in a great many people's minds and a great many of them say: 'That's fine—let him come, we are ready for him!'"

"If Herr Hitler feels like taking one enormous crack against this country, we are determined that we shall meet him in a manner that will surely prove his downfall," said Mr. Marshall.

NEWSETTES

A Services Xmas dance will be held in the Y.M.C.A. West Lounge on Friday, at 8.30 p.m. Admission \$1.50 including refreshments. Royal Scots Band in attendance by kind permission of Lt-Col. D. J. McDougall, M.C. and Officers. Ladies by invitation of the Committee. The European Y.M.C.A. extend an open invitation to all Servicemen to make themselves at home at the "Y" during the Xmas holidays.

A series of Home Nursing Lectures will commence at Queen Mary Hospital at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 6. Will all members who have not yet handed in the Home Nursing and First Aid Manuals please return them to Mrs. D. J. Valentine, Hon. Sec., A.N.S., Queen Mary Hospital.

The death occurred on Dec. 18, at 625 Route de Gleyes, Shanghai, of Florence Rush Nance, wife of Walter B. Nance and mother of Kelsie, Dana and Francis. The funeral service took place at Moore Memorial Church, Yu Ya Ching Road, on Dec. 18.

The St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth, under the leadership of Mrs. C. M. Bird and Miss W. Robinson, made a carol singing tour of Kowloon last night. A collection was made in aid of St. Dunstan's. The group wound up their tour at the Harbour View Hotel where they were entertained by Mrs. Gardiner.

The St. Andrew's Club held its annual Christmas carnival party at St. Andrew's Church Hall last night.

Garrison Commander, and Mr. K.C. Wu, Mayor of Chungking. Membership fees, Lieut.-Gen. revealed, now total over \$4,000. (Central News).

FEELING OF UNITY:

"Herr Hitler made his great mistake when he misjudged the temper and quality of our kinsfolk from overseas—our kinsfolk who are fighting so superbly in the Western Desert," said Mr. Marshall.

"That is why there's this feeling of unity among us. The united strength of the British Commonwealth is carrying us to the attack and it has turned our Christmas into a celebration."

"We are not over-optimistic or blind to our opponent's strength. We know we have to be tough and determined and we know we have to fight as we never fought before and we will do that all right."

"What we are celebrating, however, is the turn of the tide. For a long time the tide was ebbing and now it is flowing strongly in our favour."

"THE DICTATORS":

Mr. Howard referred to Charlie Chaplin's new film "The Dictators" which was showing in London aid to a part where Charlie Chaplin makes a speech at the end of the film with these words: "Hate will pass away, dictators will die and the power they took from the people will return to the people. So long as men die for liberty, liberty will never perish."

"I think that speech is right," said Mr. Marshall. "It certainly moved a big audience at the cinema which remained there while an air raid alarm was sounded outside."

CORRESPONDENCE

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR SEAFARERS

To The Editor, Hongkong Daily Press.

Sir—I should be glad if you would allow me to extend through your newspaper a very hearty invitation to Seafarers to attend the Christmas Dinner and entertainment at the Sailors' Home and Seamen's Institute on Christmas day at 7 p.m. Men of the Royal Navy and the Merchant Navy will be equally welcome. I would like also to thank those people who have contributed to the cost to our Christmas festivities and also the following firms most of which have sent gifts: kind Messrs. B.A.T., A.S. Watson, Shewan Tomes, Jardine Matheson, Nestles, Harry Wicking, Wm. Powells, Calbeck Macgregor, Kelly & Walsh, Davie Boag, John Hutchinson, Mr. Lamb (B & S) Ltd.

For this seasonable help we are most grateful.

Yours, etc.
CYRIL BROWN
Chaplain

A.R.P. DIRECTOR'S THANKS

To The Editor, H.K. Daily Press.

Sir—I would very much appreciate it if you would permit me to express through your columns my grateful thanks to both the large and small firms in the Colony who permitted their Wardens to attend the Parade on the occasion of the inspection by His Excellency the Acting Governor on Saturday, 21st instant.

Their hearty co-operation played no small part in a very successful afternoon.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. S. STEELE-PERKINS,
Director of Air Raid Precautions

POLICE REPORTS

Mrs. W. C. Kline, of No. 16A Sai Yung Choi Street, has reported the theft, from her residence, on Sunday night clothing and money to the total value of \$131.

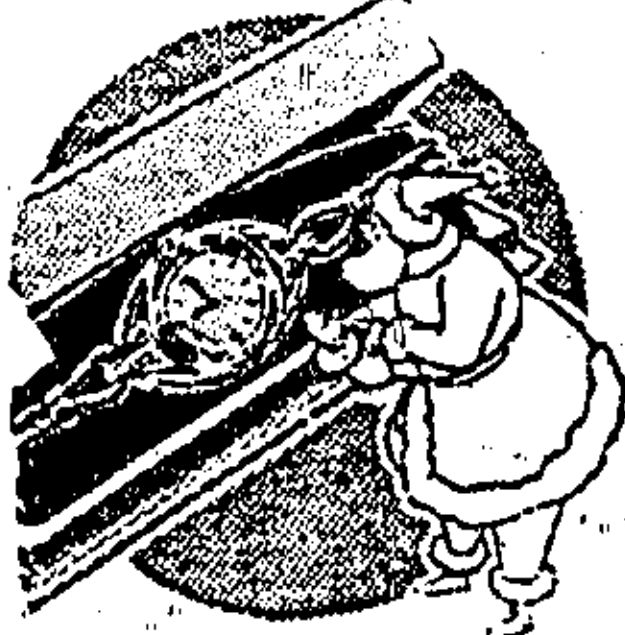
Miss L. K. Hing, has reported to the Police that while she was walking along Queen's Road Central at 9 p.m. on Sunday she had her handbag and contents, valued at \$21, snatched from her.

Eastern jars to the value of \$100 have been reported stolen from No. 22 Sai On Lane between 5 p.m. on Dec. 21 and Dec. 22 by Fong Kwai.

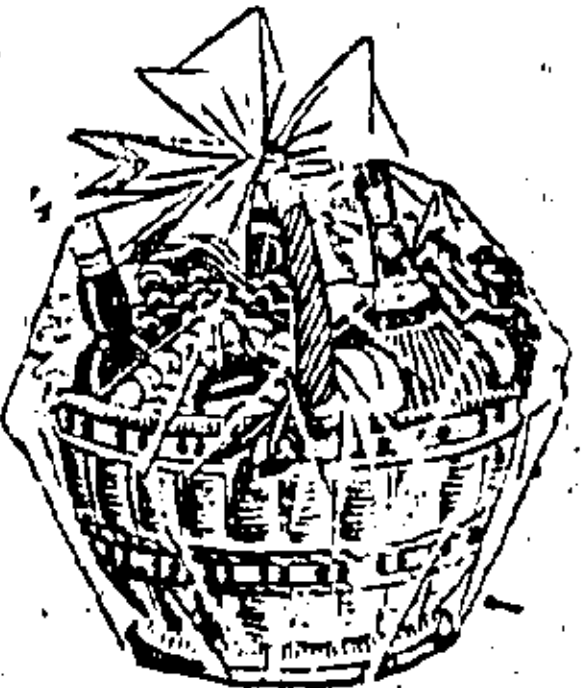


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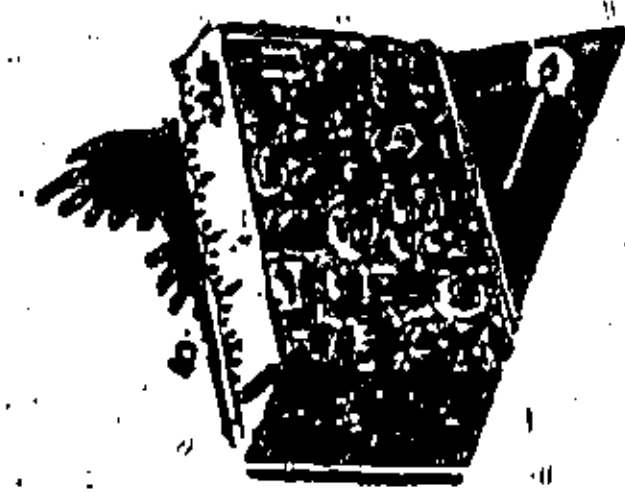
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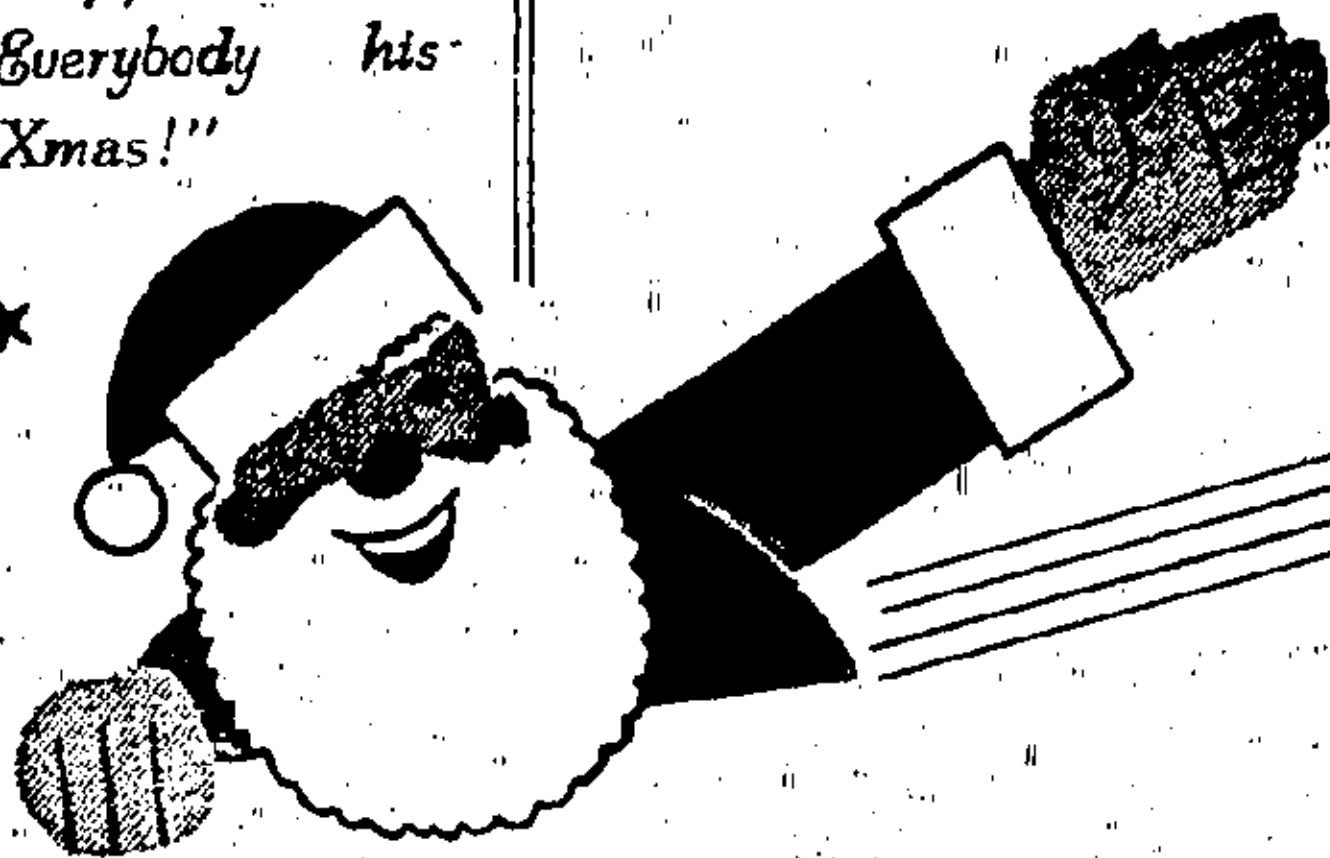


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Appointment Of Halifax Unanimously Approved

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The British Press unanimously welcomes the new appointments.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH says: "Lord Halifax has proved himself of outstanding distinction in character and mind. Everyone will appreciate the deep sincerity and broad liberal thought of the new Ambassador."

"Since the final exposure of Hitler no man has been more devoted to the cause of freedom and democracy than Lord Halifax and with a clear conscience we can commend him to our American friends."

The DAILY EXPRESS says: He can meet Mr. Roosevelt knowing the secrets of Mr. Churchill's mind and the attitude of his colleagues at home.

THE TIMES, says Reuter, writes: "No higher tribute could be paid to the late Lord Lothian's work than the consent of the Foreign Secretary to take the vacant place himself."

MORE IMPORTANT
"It is signal recognition of the fact that Anglo-American relations are more important than anything else in our foreign policy—not merely for our present needs but for the whole future of the world."

"It ensures the perpetuation of the spirit in which the late Ambassador undertook and carried out his mission."

The DAILY HERALD writes: "By deciding to send to the United States a man holding the rank of Foreign Secretary, Mr. Churchill has proclaimed the paramount importance of our friendship with America. Personally Lord Halifax has the qualities which the vast responsibilities which have fallen upon him will require."

The Daily Herald approved even more of the return of Mr. Eden to the Foreign Office and says: He has been the most successful Foreign Secretary after Mr. Arthur Henderson.

GREATLY PLEASED
OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—The

Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. Mackenzie King, stated that he is greatly pleased to learn of the appointment of Lord Halifax, and added:

"Lord Halifax will bring to the new post a realistic view of the needs of the hour gained by quite an exceptional experience of conditions in different parts of the world."

Canadians generally highly approved the appointment of Lord Halifax, realising his experience will help to cement the union of opinion between the United States and the United Kingdom.

The appointment is also commended here.

TRANSPARENT SINCERITY
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)—That Lord Halifax's widely known transparent sincerity and high handedness will work strongly to his advantage in his new post is the view expressed here.

EDEN AT PALACE
His Majesty the King held a Privy Council yesterday at Buckingham Palace at which Mr. Anthony Eden received his seals of office on appointment as Foreign Secretary and Capt. H. D. R. Margesson as Secretary for War.

The Ministers kissed hands on receiving their seals of office, states a London message.

LABOUR APPROVE
British Wireless adds that the Liberal and Labour Press also warmly approve of the appointment of Lord Halifax.

The News-Chronicle says: "As a former Viceroy of India, as Foreign Secretary during three of the most critical years in British history and as a member of the War Cabinet since the beginning of the present struggle, Lord Halifax has been the key personality in the councils of the nation. Short of dispatching himself to Washington, Mr. Churchill could hardly have done more to emphasise the vital significance of the Anglo-American link."

GRAZIANI EXPLAINS REVERSES IN WESTERN DESERT

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wiped out. The troops under General Maletti were eliminated before the attack on Sidi Barrani began, and when the first line of defence try to fall back, they found their retreat cut off. It was then that the Marshal ordered his troops to fall back.

The report goes on to speak of the crushing superiority of the British armoured units and of the naval attacks launched along the coast, while the R.A.F. harried Italian columns on the march and bombed aerodromes and the fortified towns of Tobruk and Bardia.

The Italian Air Force, according to the Marshal's report, could not use its full weight because of bad weather. Among the raids made by the R.A.F. was an attack on Benghazi, 300 miles behind the fighting line.

Marshal Graziani's explanation has caused surprise in London and is regarded as an example of military ineptitude, states a London message.

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In London this is felt that this shows how inefficient the Italian defences were.

FLAT CONTRADICTION
Signor Ansaldo writing in the TELEGRAPH, flatly contradicts the German view that the Mediterranean is an unimportant theatre of the war.

Signor Ansaldo said: "In the last few days, certain foreign observers had inclined to regard the Mediterranean as the second theatre of war. We do not share this view, as we are convinced that it is a main theatre of war equalled to the north in importance."

Signor Ansaldo's argument, however, is in keeping with Italian propaganda. He emphasises the strength of the British forces in Egypt and states that they were greatly reinforced and strengthened by first rate tanks, machine-guns and aircraft.

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Key Position Of German Economic System Bombed

British bombers were busy over Western Germany again, states a London message and Mannheim was again bombed.

Mannheim is the chief industrial centre of the Upper Rhine and occupies the key position of Germany's economic system. Heavy industries and munition works are centred just here.

Sunday night's attacks followed raids over Britain was Manchester. The city was heavily attacked for many hours. A large number of fires were caused and considerable damage was done to houses and shops. A number of people were killed and several injured.

This was Manchester's first big attack. The raids began with the dropping of incendiaries in the business areas and firemen worked heroically for many hours battling with the flames.

The attack began after dark and many people were caught in the streets.

Bombs were also dropped on the Merseyside and over central England. Two German bombers were brought down, one in Essex, when all the crew were killed.

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THE CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY:

HOW IT HAS BEEN ANSWERED: DEEPER AND GREATER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN AMERICA AND BRITAIN

"Waking slowly from a long sleep, my people have declared today that the world cannot be half Hitlerised and half civilised. So war between the two worlds is going on and will go on until a better world is created," said PROFESSOR ARTHUR NEWELL, a distinguished American, when he spoke in London on Sunday.

The speaker prefaced his remarks with a glowing tribute to the late Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, whose death occurred recently.

DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

"On Thursday, Dec. 12," he said, "the British and the American people alike mourned the passing of a great friend of my country. Lord Lothian passed away in a premature call. He worked for a deeper and greater understanding between our two nations and it was on that understanding that he said that all the real hope of the world depends. That was his farewell message."

Lord Lothian's voice will long continue to speak to Americans with a compunction that may be stronger than his living presence. There was striking sentence in his Baltimore speech: "This war is not a war between nations like the last war," he said. "It is a revolutionary war between the aspirations of man and a free world."

"Only 24 hours before that," continued the speaker, "another man had said that there is much more at stake than victory between one country and another. That man was Herr Hitler."

CHALLENGE FLUNG BACK

"Yes, for once he spoke the truth. Here was a challenge thrown to us and we picked it up and flung it back to him. I say WE, because it is not only the British, but we Americans whom he has been pleased to couple with Britain in his vituperative words."

"We thank him for linking us up with the champions of the world he is seeking to destroy. Waking from a long sleep, my people have declared today that the world cannot be half Hitlerised and half civilised. So the war between the two worlds is going on and will go on until a better world is created."

"Let us look at these two worlds," went on the speaker. "There are some of us who believe that there is a way of living and a power to work among men that is the spirit of Bethlehem. In our own democracy at the present time there is a lot of house-cleaning to be done and we have to do it before we pass it on to the world of tomorrow and there is hope—real solid hope and I see that hope as I look at the British and the Americans."

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concerned, certain Americans are reported to have said—speaking off the record—is the expression used—that democracy in England is dead!

VERY MUCH ALIVE

"It seems to us other Americans, who have lived in this country, to be otherwise. It was only last week that the President of the American Club stated that he could not agree with the statement that democracy was dead. Last Tuesday, General Wade Hays, speaking at the opening of the American Eagle Club, said: 'We have proof every day that democracy in England is very much alive and kicking. The debate recently in the House of Commons was yet another indication of this.'

"In Herr Hitler's world there are no debates—there are only rubber stamps and batons. 'So we see that democracy still lives—it is the flesh and blood of the British people and neither you nor we will suffer the light of learning, on which it is based, to be snuffed out. I know it glows round your Rugby and your Eton. I know well your technical schools and your secondary schools. Yours and ours they have much in common. They are none of them perfect, but they are serving the truth as they freely see it. Learning has lifted the world before—it will do so again.'

"The freedom to worship God is something that lives in this English-speaking world. What of the Nazi world? Herr Hitler is now trying to convince the world about his solititude for the churches, whereas we know that the churches of Germany are free to do just one thing—and that is to fall upon Herr Hitler and make him their god."

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And then Lord Lothian speaks once more—"If you back us, you will not be backing a quitter." "Everything is justifying those words—here in England, in the Western Desert, in the Adriatic, at Valona, over Germany. Where next? And what about America? President Roosevelt is back from his fishing—mind you I said fishing—in the West Indies and things always happen when F.D.R. gets back from a holiday."

THE VOICE OF AMERICA
"Cut out the dollar talk," he has said. "Give Britain what she needs. Get out the hose-pipe and help her. We can worry about taking it back when it is all over."

"This, I think, is the authentic voice of the American people. Let us now hurry on with the job. 'For myself, I would go further—but we wait on events. One thing is clear. We too know what a public enemy No. 1 looks like. We have had plenty of them. Speed and more speed is what we must have now from my fellow-countrymen.'

Easing Of Tension

Various reports from Vichy state that there is a slight easing of the tension between the French Government and the Germans, states a London message.

It seems apparent that Marshal Petain will not countenance anything that will bring France into hostilities against Britain, and it also seems certain that Marshal Petain's Government will remain unchanged.

IN GOVERNMENT HANDS
A Vichy newspaper states that while Vichy will carry out the terms of the armistice, the armistice had left the French Empire and the means to defend it in the hands of the Government. "There is no question," says the paper, "of throwing ourselves actively into politics, but it is a question of keeping our soul intact and maintaining our authority in the Dominions overseas." "Marshal Petain saved the future of France, when he insisted that France should retain her Fleet."

BADMINTON RESULT

University "B" beat Chinese Y.M.C.A. in the "A" Division of the Badminton League last night at the University by seven sets to two. C. K. Cheuk and K. P. Lin (H.K.U.) lost to T. H. Wong and T. W. Wong 17-21, beat C. Au and H. Ko 21-8, beat F. Ko and C. Y. Yung 21-10. S. Amplavanar and A. P. Lee (H.K.U.) beat Wong and Wong 21-17, lost to Au and Ko 21-21, beat Ko and Yung 21-12. T. T. Chin and P. L. Yung (H.K.U.) beat Wong and Wong 21-8, beat Au and Ko 21-12, beat Ko and Yung 21-14.

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TUNG CHI UNIVERSITY

The Tung Chi University is being removed from Yunnan to south Szechwan, according to Mr. Chow Chun-shih, President of the University.

Mr. Chow said that the new buildings in an undisclosed place in south Szechwan have been partially completed and a part of the 1,300 students have arrived at the new site while the rest are on the way.

The University was in Shanghai prior to the outbreak of the war—(Central News).

20 HOMES FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

An ambitious plan to raise \$400,000 for the establishment of 20 homes for the care and education of 10,000 refugee children has been drawn up by the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, sponsored by Bishop Hall and several other prominent local citizens.

The funds, it is understood, will be raised in different places. The quotas are: Hongkong, \$50,000; Macao, \$25,000; Shanghai, Philippines, Haiphong, Kwang-chowwan, Saigon, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Java, \$75,000; Australia and New Zealand, \$75,000; the United States, \$100,000; Canada, \$50,000 and Hawaii, \$25,000.

As the members of the Association are scattered over the foregoing places, it is expected that the campaign will be much facilitated.

One of the homes for refugee children has already been established in Wuchow, east Kwangsi. A number of prominent local citizens are among the advisers and members of the Association, including Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Tsh Kung-chao, Dr. Chung Ying-kwong, Professor Hsu Tsh-shan, Hon. Mr. M.K. Lu, Mr. O.K. Yui, Mr. E.H. Lockwood, and Dr. Irene Hotung.

BISHOP WARD RELATES CHANGING SCENES IN U.S., CHINA

CHUNGKING (By Air Mail): "America will not strike the first blow in war if its government can help it," but America is determined that those things which the American people hold dear, and for which the Chinese are struggling, shall not be banished from the earth, said Bishop R.A. Ward of the Methodist Church, in a broadcast over Station XGOX for America.

Speaking on his impressions of the changing sentiments in the United States on the question of war or peace, Dr. Ward said: "During the past few months in the United States, I found this clarifying of world wide issues making much progress. Last year I was in America for six months and again for a similar period this year. A great change had come to my fellow countrymen."

"A year ago they were still bothered much about internal matters, the deficiencies and successes of the New Deal, the coming presidential election, the values of isolation. This year I again travelled widely in my own country, speaking to many audiences, conducting forums, and hearing all sorts of Americans' talks, both privately and publicly, devouring newspapers everywhere, and hearing the radio commentators."

"Something has happened inside of Americans. And that something has made a great deal of difference. The President has merely to ask for another billion dollars to get it for national defence. Congress no longer lags behind the administration and public sentiment. Candidates for office vie with each other in promising more efficiency and speed in strengthening American fighting forces, increasing industrial output and the resources of the nation."

"The economic structure of the country is ready for the strain. Factories are running to capacity and many are vastly enlarging their plants. Every shipyard is crowded with new constructions. Great progress has been made in drawing the republics of Central South and North America more closely together than ever before. The wealth of the United States is being released to implement their co-operation. The Americas will act as a unit in world affairs where they are concerned. And they see that even their own interests are at stake on other continents."

NEW ATTITUDE

"The re-election of Mr. Roosevelt was a token of American determination to have no more of academic isolation. Hundreds of new warships and airports, new strategic bases for fleets in both oceans, tens of thousands of airplanes, millions of soldiers, billions of dollars, all are rapidly going into expression of the new American attitude towards the purposes and principles now at stake across the world."

"And the center of it all is an American determination that those things which Americans hold dear, and for which the Chinese are struggling, shall not be banished from the earth. Indeed, those things shall have a fair right to grow wherever men wish them to grow, unshackled by armed domination and ruthless regimentation."

"America will not strike the first blow in war if its government can help it. But American public sentiment is dangerously near the place—indeed, I fear it is now at the place—where no President nor Congress could forestall America's involvement in war if some other nation committed a war-like act against America. I cannot say that I like all of this. But we Americans—and people in any other part of the world which might be concerned—must now reckon on these evident facts in a changed America."

"A typical America is grateful that his people have again responded to the call to protect those ideas of freedom and representative government which Americans learned from other peoples and, in some real measure, developed for themselves."

"And those of us who have wandered among the nations are also pleased that America has again come somewhat out of her recent stupid narrowness in which she often acted as though she could live only unto herself in the family of nations of which she is a part and in which she must take her full share for human welfare."

ALWAYS A PLEASURE

Referring to his impressions of China, particularly Chungking, Bishop Ward declared: "To return to Chungking is always a pleasure. But this time the pleasure has been mixed with sadness and with inspiration. After another absence of ten months I came again four days ago. I was in West China during the first fourteen months of the present Sino-

Japanese war. Then back briefly in the winter of 1939. And again in the winter of 1940. Now once more, after six months in America."

"An air raid alarm sent us to a bomb shelter in the solid rock of Chungking city's hills. We did not need it to remind us of the terrible hardships which Chungking people have suffered during recent months. The evidences of wanton destruction are daily before our eyes. But they stand in amazing contrast to the spiritual things which one sees and feels in Chungking."

"The Chinese have patiently, even cheerfully, adjusted themselves to difficulties. One does not see haggard and frantic faces, but people who are persistently bent on the next task. Everyone knows that every building may be destroyed in the next bombing season. But all the carpenters and masons are busy on construction. Plenty of people are doing business at the old stand—on the old site if in only a mere shade."

"The same stalwart Chinese men and women of courage who have led China through three years of national struggle and growth still are leading today. And they are leading with a calm, clear determination which commands the deep respect of any American who understands the things which Americans cherish."

"When has such a nation had such continuity of leadership? In other countries, even right now, cabinets have been reformed, commanders and generals and ministers have been frantically changed. But China has found a leadership in which confidence continues. Buildings may be bombed to ashes. But personalities which lead remain."

FAMILIAR FACES

"One finds familiar faces of Chinese leaders of other years still valiantly in chief places of leadership. Yet he also finds a surprising number of other men and women who have taken their important places in strengthening the national structure at its center. Productive, creative personalities are increasing, not decreasing."

"And where have they come from? In almost any gathering of vigorous Chinese leaders in Chungking one is amazed to find people from almost any or all of the provinces, working together with the same spirit and efficiency that typify that solidarity and wide reach of the new national unity which three years of war have so greatly strengthened. Provincial ancestry has dropped to an obscure place."

"During the past three years I have repeatedly watched the making of Chungking's rock tunnels. The perfection of these protections against air raids and the disciplined way in which the multitudes quietly go to them when the alarm sounds is astonishing. There are enough such tunnels to accommodate the entire population of the city at the same time. The people automatically take their emergency belongings and a chair or other coveted convenience and go through the experience as a routine without excitement. The rich and poor alike it seems to be only another incident in the long process to which they are more resolutely committed than in the first frantic days of raids."

"Of course, if you ask, you can hear of their losses in other raids. But that doesn't seem a major topic of conversation. The masses of people have gotten their stride. I haven't been in England since the war began in Europe. But I imagine that the typical sturdy Englishman is not a whit more nonchalant and determined than are those people of Chungking."

"One is amazed at the reassertion of normal life in Chungking. Repeatedly, during the past thirty years I have observed Chinese rebuilding their homes and reopening their stores within a few days or weeks after a fire had destroyed everything. That is exactly what is happening in Chungking. Life persists. People find a way of carrying on. This is no time

DIVINE MISSION OF GERMANY!

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter). — Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world, Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory. The highest good and the greatest gift, Almighty God has given to man is to be a German. We are proud to master the world as Germans. Never before have we been so exalted."

Referring to Hitler, he said: "He sits in lonely sublimity; he is incomparably great in his uniqueness. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world unhampered by anyone. The Almighty has blessed this German nation so that it may carry the light into the wilderness."

for large new buildings. But countless small structures serve present purposes.

BETTER SYSTEM

"The government of Chungking is doing what Englishmen will do for London. Promptly it laid out a better system of streets and boulevards. Even new temporary structures must be set back to the new street lines. A great new Chungking will replace the bombed old Chungking which decades of wranglings could not have modelled."

"A trickle of American relief funds is being used to erect a colony of homes for the poor riverside workers whose hovels were destroyed. The highly efficient mayor of Chungking who had five years of successful experience as mayor of another great Chinese city before the war, gives close attention to his business-like and detailed administration of the city."

"To Americans all these things are interesting. Americans admire efficiency, alertness and courage. They find them in plenty in Chungking. They know that a great city grew on the ashes of Chicago and modern San Francisco followed the earthquake and fire. From the outset Americans thought that the new life of China would emerge from the struggle and from it. Some other peoples were still thinking of the China of this decade as only the China of past generations. They were wrong. That is clear now."

"The war has transformed Chinese soldiers. I have watched that transformation during the past three years. The former soldiers of war lords often were a motley gang of half bandits, poorly disciplined, rather stupid creatures of somebody's ambitions, alternately feared and despised. But soldiers today have a deserved place of respect. They are soldiers of the nation, soldiers with a purpose. They are fellow patriots with thousands of well-trained civilians who work with them and for them. War often makes soldiers brutal. Especially when they are mere soldiers of fortune, out for booty. But these are not soldiers of conquest. They live among their own countrymen for whose homes, and their own, they are fighting. The systematic and widespread education of the soldiers has made soldiers with a social and national purpose. And that has made a big difference."

"Not that they have become models. But they have become essentially — embryonically — different. And, in contrast to the frequent revolts and out-sellings to the highest bidders in other periods there have been practically no disaffections among the regular Chinese armies which now are vastly larger than the combined war-lord armies of other years."

"The visitor is refreshed by the consistency of the supreme command. Other countries during recent seasons have been changing national partners, tearing up treaties and bargaining for the largest share of war plunder. In China one has a stimulating sense of moral values and a stability of national purpose. Temporary loss of territory, disheartening defeats in the early stages of war, possible compromise with other nations—all of these things have not contrived to change one iota China's essential national purpose. Doubtless this is in part due to a Chinese national trait."

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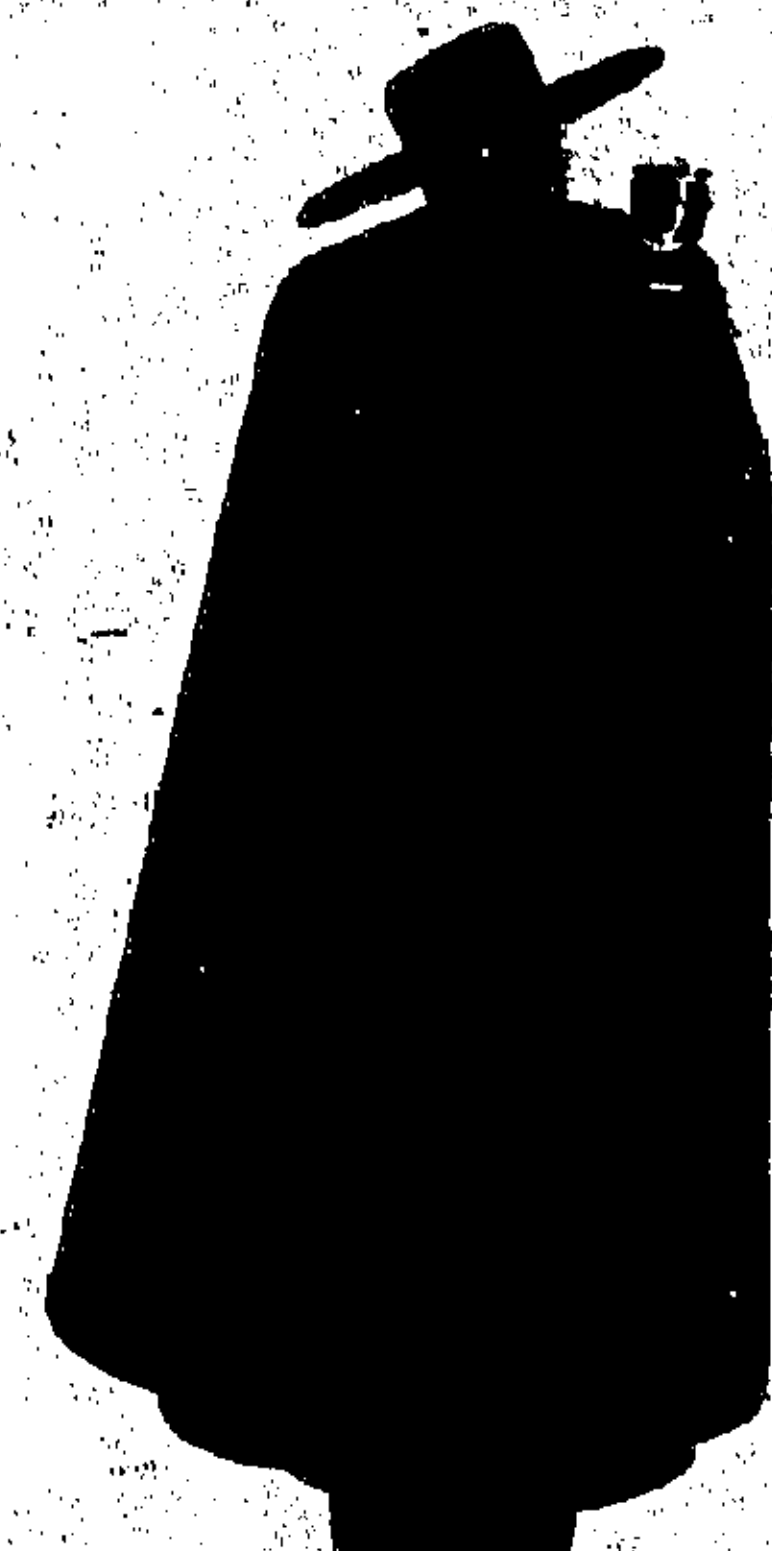
WARTIME SYLLABUS FOR U.S. TEACHERS

Because international affairs are the essence of interest in history classes, government and other social studies, and because not all teachers are prepared to discuss the foreign relations of the United States and have not the time to do extensive reading in that field, the American Council on Education is undertaking to prepare in syllabus form teaching materials in international relations.

The immediate aim is to furnish a concise statement setting forth the basic need of objectivity in appraising the world scene and the place of the United States in that scene.

In addition, the project will take certain areas of importance in international relations in which specific study materials might be prepared for teachers.

Among these subjects are: the "United States and the Western Hemisphere," the "United States and the Far East," the "United States and Neutrality—1789-1940," "Propaganda and Popular Attitudes on International Affairs," "American Defence," the "United States Economy in a Totalitarian World."



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MALAYA IS BRITAIN'S "DOLLAR ARSENAL"

SINGAPORE, Nov. 25.—British Malaya has been described as the "dollar arsenal" of the British Empire because her large exports of tin and rubber to the United States provide a handsome balance of trade which in terms of U. S. dollars helps to pay for British purchases of aircraft and other war materials on the "cash and carry" basis required by U. S. neutrality.

It is the policy of the Malaya Governments to conserve all available resources of foreign exchange to increase the country's usefulness as the "dollar arsenal."

TRADE WITH INDIA

There is a growing tendency in Malaya to look more and more to India, Australia and New Zealand for supplies of foodstuffs and manufactured goods which were previously supplied by Great Britain or by countries outside the sterling bloc. The possibility of extending the trade between Malaya and India is being considered.

Malaya's exports which may be of use in the Empire's wartime economy include rubber, tin, iron, bauxite, several minerals needed in armament production including wolfram and tungsten, and vegetable oils.

ECONOMIC WEAKNESS

The principal economic weakness of Malaya is her continued dependence on imported food supplies, especially rice. Nearly two-thirds of Malaya's rice consumption must be met at present by imports. It is possible that arrangements will be worked out for increasing supplies from India and Burma although so far as possible regard must be given to the preference of the population for Thai (Siam) rice.

It is believed that Singapore's industries can be adapted to pro-

duce certain wartime requirements. There is, for example, the canning industry in which many millions of dollars have been invested.

The industry is normally concerned with pineapples for the British and Canadian markets but since the ministry of supply ceased purchases the factories have been idle. The industry might be converted to some other foodstuffs to build up a wartime reserve.

OTHER INDUSTRIES

Similarly with other Singapore industries. The engineering works, though occupied already with defence orders, can turn out a variety of goods and many of the small Chinese industrial undertakings, etc., are capable of a considerable range of production.

Already inquiries have been set afoot to ascertain whether India or Australia can use the considerable quantities of scrap iron available in Malaya and which in the past have been sold to Japan.

The output of Canadian newsprint during the first eight months of 1940 totalled 2,300,000 tons as against 1,800,000 tons in the corresponding period of 1939, a gain of nearly 27 per cent.

RECORD SILVER FOX PRODUCTION

Silver fox production in Canada during 1939-40, amounting to 319,693 pelts valued at \$5,660,722, was the greatest ever recorded in the history of the Canadian fur trade.

The silver fox is Canada's most important fur product, and comes almost entirely from the fur farms. The low average price of \$17.71 per pelt would bring this popular fur within the reach of most Canadian women, and is a far cry from the early days of fox farming when there were comparatively few farms and the supply of ranch-bred animals was limited.

At that time fabulous prices, amounting to as much as \$35,000 per pair, were paid for the live animals that were required as breeding stock, but now that the fur farming industry is fairly established and contributing about 40 per cent of the Dominion's raw fur production the animals are raised primarily for their pelts.

IMPORTANT BRANCH

For many years fur farming was concerned principally with the silver fox, but in recent years mink raising has become an important branch of the industry. Mink production has advanced rapidly reaching a total of 220,359 pelts valued at \$2,103,774 in 1939-40, an increase of 80,619 pelts and \$703,187 over the preceding season. It is estimated that 40 per cent of the number of mink pelts and 50 per cent of the total value represent sales from fur farms.

Other kinds of fur-bearers—red fox, cross fox, blue fox, raccoon, skunk, marten, fisher, etc.—are also found on the farms, and recently the valuable chinchilla, a native of South America, has been added to the list.

The total value of Canada's raw fur production, including pelts taken by trappers and those sold from fur farms, in the 12 months ended June 30, 1939, was \$14,288,937, an increase over the 1937-38 season of \$1,090,583.

Ontario with \$2,538,658 and Quebec with \$2,230,280 were the leading provinces with respect to value of raw fur production. New Brunswick, Alberta, Prince Edward Island, the Northwest Territories, Manitoba and British Columbia followed in the order named, each with a value of more than a million dollars.

Saskatchewan's fur output was valued at \$983,447, and that of Yukon Territory at \$267,721. The total number of pelts of all kinds taken in 1939-40 was 6,492,222 as against 4,745,927 in the preceding season.

Muskrat and squirrel accounted for the greater part of this increase, the number of muskrat pelts totalling 2,295,550 as against 1,748,239, while the catch of squirrels amounted to 2,296,139 compared with 1,244,359 in 1937-38.

CONSERVATION OF FOODSTUFFS

To conserve foodstuffs, the Chekiang Provincial Government has issued an order warning the people against waste. Besides vigorously enforcing the 3-year programme for increased production, the provincial authorities have issued two sets of regulations, one limiting cultivation to only useful agricultural products and the other providing for economy in food consumption. (Central News).

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted on Monday, Dec. 23, 1940.

SALES

Cement	200	\$18.50
China Lights	500	6.95
H.K. Docks (O)	200	18.60
	200	18.60
	100	18.60
H.K. Electric (O)	200	18.60
H.K. Tramways	100	17.80
H.K. Ropes	1,000	7.15
A.S. Watsons	500	10.50
Lane Crawford	70	7.50

*Sales on Saturday, the 21st inst. The total value is \$38,910.00.

To investigate the spawning of salmon, a party of United States scientists from the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences arrived here recently to make studies on the salmon in the Restigouche River, the world's greatest salmon water. The party is equipped with the latest in cameras and equipment for making sound motion pictures.

EAST INDIA FUND GIFT FOR MORE SPITFIRES

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Further gifts for planes and for air-raid distress were announced yesterday. A sum of £1,500 has been received from Chinese members and friends of the Sino-British Cultural Association for air-raid relief and a further sum of £132 has been received from Kenya for the purchase of three mobile lanterns, one for London, one for Liverpool and the third for anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The East India Fund has sent a further gift of £20,000 for the purchase of Spitfires, making its total contributions so far £350,000. The same fund has sent £1,000 to the King George's Fund for sailors.

The Punjab University is putting its entire resources for war purposes at the disposal of the British Government and is also asking for increased facilities for military training for members of the University.

The workshops of the India Railways are turning out large quantities of essential supplies and are arranging to train nearly 2,000 men under the Government of India Scheme stop.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has sent Mr. Winston Churchill a cheque for £5,000, completing the gift of £50,000 for fighter aircraft sent by the Netherlands East Indies on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's recent birthday.

Big German War Profits

Colossal profits are being made by German munitions manufacturers.

This has been established by the International Federation of Transport Workers, which has access to reliable sources of information, in spite of the fact that it is an axiom of National Socialism that all war profits are to be confiscated.

The Federation states that the war for Nazi Socialism is extremely lucrative for the employers. It is true that they have lost much of their freedom. But now that the State and not the cartel orders them what and how much to produce they are generously rewarded by a fantastic level of war profits.

REAL STATE

According to the Federation, elaborate arrangements have been made by the Nazi regime for the concealment of profits, but the camouflage has not prevented German anti-Nazis from ascertaining the real state of affairs.

For instance, the biggest German chemical concern, I. G. Farben, valued its buildings, plants, &c., on Jan. 1, 1937, at 432,000,000 marks. During the last two pre-war years properties totalling 173,000,000 marks were added; in the same period, however, 240,000,000 marks was written off. The sum written off amounted to over one-third of the share capital.

The big mining concerns of the Ruhr industrialists, Klockner, Hoesch and Haniel, in the six years 1933-39 increased their properties by 192,000,000 marks, but wrote off 216,000,000. So not only were new acquisitions paid for entirely out of current income but also a considerable part of earlier expenditure on old plant could be written off.

QUALITY OF CHINESE TEA TO BE IMPROVED

In order to further improve the quality of Chinese tea and to promote its marketing abroad, the China Tea Company has decided to establish a large-scale tea manufactory where tea leaves will be minutely examined and graded before being packed for export. The manufactory is expected to start operation early next spring. (Central News).

CHINA'S ECONOMY SAVINGS

The total subscriptions to the Chinese economy savings certificates have broken the 100,000,000 mark.

Up till October the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank had issued \$30,000,000 worth of the certificates and the Central Trust, the Bank of Communications, the Bank of China, and the Farmers Bank of China \$22,000,000 jointly. (Central News).

FOOD CONTROL BUREAU

The National Government has appointed Messrs. Li Chih-kang and Chen Hsiao-kung respectively Director and Vice-Director of the Shensi Food Control Bureau. (Central News).

CHRISTMAS

AND

NEW YEAR HAMPERS

NO. 1 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne	
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin	
1 " Black & White Whisky	\$20.00

NO. 2 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne	
1 " Black & White Whisky	
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin	\$25.00
1 " Hunt's Manzanilla Sherry	

NO. 3 HAMPER

1 quart Lanson Dry Champagne	
1 " Black & White Whisky	
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin	
1 " Hunt's Vin de Paste Sherry	\$35.00
1 " Sandeman's One Star Port	
1 pint Gordon's Creme de Menthe	

Special Hampers made to suit Customers requirements.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.

WINE DEPARTMENT

Queen's Building.

Telephone 20636.

HUGE U.S. NAVY ORDERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$284,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing anti-submarine nets at the entrances of strategic harbours.

Shorn wool production in Canada in 1940, the largest since 1929, is estimated at 13,522,000 pounds as compared with 13,440,000 in 1939 and 13,385,000 in 1938. The number of sheep shorn in 1940 is estimated at 1,800,500 with an average yield per fleece of 7.4 pounds compared with shearings of 1,805,100 sheep in 1939 and an average yield per fleece at 7.5 pounds.

PRE-PAID ADVERTISEMENTS.

The following classes of advertisements are charged at the prices given below—

SITUATIONS VACANT. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS WANTED. HOUSES AND APARTMENTS TO BE LET. MISCELLANEOUS WANTS.

Announcements not exceeding 25 words are inserted under this heading at a Pre-paid Rate of \$1.50 for THREE INSERTIONS. If Charges collected, \$2.00.

LOST

LOST—A Diamond Bracelet on 19th Dec. between Dina House, Government House and Race Course Paddock. Substantial Reward if returned to STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING 1st Floor, Room 15.

WANTED TO BUY

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles. Jade, diamonds, jewels, watches, fountain pens. Apply Far East Diamond and Gold Refining Co. Room 621, China Building, 9th floor.

WE PAY HIGH PRICES for all gold and silver articles, gold bars, diamonds and jewels. Apply China Gold Refining Co. Pedder Building 2nd floor, Room 6.

WE OFFER HIGH PRICES for any amount of gold articles, diamonds, silver, etc. No holidays. Apply China Building, 7th floor. Tel. 30727, Eurasia Gold Refining Co.

WANTED KNOWN

Why not learn all the Fancy latest stitches for your dresses and sweaters. JOIN THE KNITTING GLASS AT \$3.00 per month (Twice a week lesson). Please apply to Box No. 654 c/o H.K.D.P.

ORDERS TAKEN for hand-made sweaters, Ladies' jumpers, Babies' outfits, etc., at \$5.00 each for workmanship. Wool and model desired to be supplied by customer. Send particulars of address, etc., to Box 502, H.K.D.P.

Experienced Book-keeper Wants Students to form a class. Guarantee students to keep a whole set of books after completion of a course of 6 months. For Term and Particulars. Please Apply to—Box No. 462 c/o H.K.D.P.

HOTELS

FOR JADED APPETITES! REAL RUSSIAN FOOD. Dinner \$1.00 • Dinner \$1.25. METROPOLE HOTEL.

TEA DANCE DAILY. EXCEPT MONDAYS 5 to 7:30 P.M.

ENGRAVERS

FEI FEI & CO. Photo Engravers. 14, Cochrane Street. Telephone No. 22224.

AUCTIONEERS

GREATEST COLLECTION OF BARGAINS IN TOWN! LAMBERT'S AUCTION ROOM. 10, Wyndham Street. Tel. 20623.

EAT AT Jimmy's

BUTTERICK Expert Ladies Tailor. New Style Ready Made Dresses. Overcoats and Costumes. FOR SALE. 19, Wyndham Street. Tel. 23615.

TAILOR LAM SHIU SHEK. 224, Nathan Road. Kowloon. Tel. 27112. Guaranteed delivery 1 suit in 24 hours notice and 8 hours for a pair of trousers.

Help your Friend and his Hobby by giving POSTAGE STAMPS for his collection and

SEEDS FOR HIS GARDEN. We can supply the goods of his and your want.

GRACA & CO. Dealers in Postage Stamps, Garden Seeds, etc. etc. 10, Wyndham Street. Established 1898. Hongkong.

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE. SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

Buyers	Sellers	Shares	Monday 23 DEC.	Buyers	Sellers	Shares
Banks						
...	...	11380	H.K. Banks	...	...	11370
...	...	281	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	281
...	...	278	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	278
...	...	281	Chartered Banks	...	...	281
...	...	2361	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	2361
...	...	2103	Mercantile Bks. "C"	...	...	2103
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	...
...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	...
...	Insurance	...	...	...
...	Canton Insurance	...	...	...
...	Union Insurance	...	...	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	...
...	Shipping	...	...	...
...	Douglas	...	...	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	...
...	Shells	...	...	...
...	Waterboats	...	...	...
...	Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	...	...	...
...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	...
...	Mining	...	...	...
...	Kailash	...	...	...
...	Banks	...	...	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...
...	Lands, Hotels and Buildings	...	...	...
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	...
...	Hampshires	...	...	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	...
...	S'hai Cottons (S.)	...	...	...
...	Zong Sing (S.)	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	...
...	Public Utilities	...	...	...
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	...
...	Yantai Ferries	...	...	...
...	China Lights (O)	...	...	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	Telephone (Old)	...	...	...
...	Telephone (New)	...	...	...
...	S'pore Tractions (Ord.)	...	...	...
...	Industrials	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S.	...	...	...
...	Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S.	...	...	...
...	Canton Ice	...	...	...
...	Cement	...	...	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	...
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...
...	Miscellaneous	...	...	...
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	...
...	Singapore	...	...	...
...	Walcott	...	...	...
...	Ch. G. S. 1926-28 S'pore	...	...	...
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	...
...	S'hai Wing On	...	...	...
...	Vibro, Pilling	...	...	...
...	Marmans Inv. (Lon.)	...	...	...
...	Marmans Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	...
...	Wm. Porella	...	...	...
...	†Sale to Shanghai	...	...	...

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
DECEMBER 23, 1940

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer: 1/8 7/8	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/8 7/8	
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 410	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 59 3/4	
On Japan:—	
On demand 102 1/8	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer: 82 1/2	
On demand 82 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16	
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 43 7/8	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months' sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 101 3/4	
On Manila:—	
On demand 46 7/8	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 149	
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nom.	
Bar Silver per oz. 23 1/16	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
Monday, Dec. 23.
Silver prices were unchanged over the week-end, the quotations remaining at 23 1/16 for Ready and 23 for Forward. American Silver was unquoted.
The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING.
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 for near and forward small buyers at 1/3 January, possibly for Cash.
U. S. DOLLARS.
Sellers at 23 1/16 for Spot, buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.
SHANGHAI DOLLARS.
Opened with sellers at 421 and at the close at 1 p.m. there were sellers at 434.
SHANGHAI MARKET.
Weak. Opened with sellers at 3 17/32 and at the close sellers were quoted at 3 7/16. U. S. Dollars opened with sellers at 5 19/32 and last advices indicated sellers at 5 7/16 for Spot.
AFTERNOON MARKET.
The market was quiet in the afternoon.
STERLING.
There were sellers at 1/23 1/32 for near and forward, small buyers at 1/3 for Cash.
U. S. DOLLARS.
There were sellers at 23 1/16 for Cash, buyers at 23 3/4 for Cash.
SHANGHAI DOLLARS.
Opened with sellers at 434 and closed with sellers at 436.
SHANGHAI MARKET.
Sterling 3 7/16 were quoted early in the afternoon and closed a shade easier with sellers at 3 13/32 for Spot. U. S. Dollars 5 13/32 sellers for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 21 (Reuters).	
Official T.T. Rates	
London	0/3-3/8
New York	5-9/16
Japan	22-1/2
India	18-3/4
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	22-3/8
Sterling	
Opening	0/3-3/8
Closing	0/3-23/64
Spot	0/3-17/32
Dec.	0/3-17/32
Jan.	0/3-33/64
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	45-19/32
Dec.	5-19/32
Jan.	5-9/16
Market—Uncertain.	
Silver Duty Rate	
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.	
The Equalization rate was 22 1/2 per cent.	
Record-of-performance Canadian poultry have made their debut in South Africa as foundation stock. An order for two cockerels and six pullets is reported by the Dominion Department of Agriculture, at \$25 and \$15 respectively per bird. Trinidad and British Guiana have preceded South Africa as purchasers of Canada's best breeding poultry stock.	

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, 1940.			
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous buyers	Dec. 21 Opening buyers	Closing Change
SPOT	38-1/4	38-1/4	unch
JAN-MARCH	37-3/4	37-3/4	up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-1/2	up 1/8
The market was quiet but steady.			
LONDON RUBBER	Previous close buyers	Today's close buyers	Change
SPOT	11-7/8		
JANUARY	11-15/16	"	
FEBRUARY	12-1/16		Market closed
APRIL-JUNE	12-3/16		
JULY-SEPT.	12-3/16		
NEW YORK COTTON: Prices advanced on light offerings and on the firmness of spots.			
CHICAGO WHEAT: Favour purchases on easiness for moderate advance.			
NEW YORK RUBBER & NEW YORK HIDES: Expect higher.			
NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 123.87; Today's close, 123.89; Change, up .02.			

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.17	10.14	10.12	.03 up
New York Rubber, March			20.18b	.02 up
Chicago Wheat, May	85 1/2	85 1/2	84 1/2	1/2 off
Chicago Corn, May	80 1/2	80 1/2	80 1/2	unch.
New York Hides, March	12.50	12.45	12.50	unch.
NEW YORK COTTON				
January	9.99 N	10.02/02	10.02 N	.03 up
March	10.12/12	10.16/16	10.15/16	.03 up
May	10.05/05	10.10/10	10.09/09	.04 up
July	9.83/83	9.88/88	9.88 N	.03 up
October	9.31 N	9.35/35	9.34/34	.03 up
December	9.28 N	9.32b/35a	9.31 N	.03 up
Spot	10.12 N		10.16 N	.04 up
Total sales Friday—55,400 bales.				
NEW YORK RUBBER				
January	20.35b/40a	20.32b	20.37b	.02 up
March	20.18b	20.18b	20.20b/25a	.02 up
May	19.97/97	19.95b/20.00a	19.99 N	.02 up
July (New contract)	19.82b	19.75b/85a	19.84b	.02 up
Total sales—50 tons.				
CHICAGO WHEAT				
May	84 1/4	84 1/4	84 1/4	1/2 off
July	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2	1/2 off
Friday's sales—11,675,000 bushels.				
CHICAGO CORN				
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1/2 off
July	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	1/2 off
NEW YORK HIDES				
March	12.50/50	12.46/46	12.50b	unch.
June	12.27b	12.15b/30a	12.30/30	.03 up
Total sales for the day—41 contracts.				
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		unquoted.	
N.Y.-London Cross Rate	4.03-1/2		4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 20.	
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.	
War Loan, 3 1/2 (Red, after 1952)	102-13/16
Defence Loan, 3 1/2	101
Sancton-Klohn Rly. 5%	13
Chinese 4 1/2 Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47
China 4 1/2 Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	28 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Ia.)	34
Chinese 5% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10
China Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	47
Tonank Rly. 5%	16 1/2
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	15
Hukuang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13
Lung Tsing & U. Ha Rly. 5% 1913	14
Shai-N'Kling Rly. 5%	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	27
Ger. 7 1/2 Intl. Loan, 1924	6
Chartered Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	8 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	7 1/2
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	8 1/2
Chinese Eng. & Mining (Beater)	16 3/4
Chosen Corporation	4 1/2
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	10 1/2
Pekin Syndicate	2 1/2
S'hai Elec. Contr. Co.	15 1/2
S'hai Waterworks "A"	13 1/2
Union Insurance	20
Tula Kaimpong Rubber	15 1/4
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly.	13 1/2

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

With the approaching holiday season a smaller volume of business was recorded, with a steady undertone prevailing.	
BUYERS	
Bank of East Asia, \$74.	
Union Ins., \$400.	
H.K. Fire Ins., \$157.50.	
Wharves, \$93.	
Providents, \$5.70.	
Hotels, \$3.55.	
Lands, \$33.60.	
Trams, \$17.70.	
Star Ferries, \$61.	
Yammat Ferries, \$24.	
Electric (N), \$39.75.	
Sandakan Lights, \$11.30.	
Ropes, \$7.05.	
Watsons, \$10.50.	
Entertainments, \$7.	
Constructions (O), \$1.50.	
SELLERS	
Wharves, \$93.	
Hotels, \$3.75.	
Trams, \$18.	
Dairy Farms, \$19.25.	
Watsons, \$10.75.	
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.	
SALES	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, \$97.50.	
Providents, \$5.70.	
Hotels, \$3.65.	
Trams, \$17.80.	
Cements, \$18.50.	
Watsons, \$10.50.	
For the full year of 1940 the Directors of Trans-Canada Air Lines budgeted for a net profit of \$300,000. At the end of August, the actual profit was then in excess of \$322,000, indicating that the profit for the full year will be about twice the estimate.	
Great Western Rly.	32 1/2
National Bank of India	32
S.A. Tob. (bearer)	88/104
Dunlop Rubber	32/3
Bristol Aeroplane	9/9
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28/10 1/2
United Steel	21/4 1/2
Woolworths	53/4 1/2
Marmann Investments	7/8
Western Holdings	9/3
Sub-Nigel	160
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	58/9
—bid.	—ex. div.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION
(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 22, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	STOCKS	Last Sale
Dec. 21	Dec. 21	Dec. 21	Dec. 21
Adams Express	5 1/2	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	17 1/2
Allis Chalmers	38 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	28 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	30
Amer. Can.	88 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pld.	25
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Montgomery Ward	36
Amer. & Foreign Pwr.	15	Mt. Air City Copper Co.	3 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	18	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Distillers	25 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	15	National Lead	15
Amer. S'ing and Ring Co.	42	Nat. Power & Light	6 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	13 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	168	New York Central	13 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	69	Niagara Hudson Power	3
Amer. Waterworks	24	N. American Aviation	16 1/2
Anacosta Copper	26 1/2	North American Co.	16 1/2
Aviation Corp.	16 1/2	Northern Pacific	5 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	17	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44
Baltimore & Ohio	3	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28
Barber Asphalt Co.	9 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15 1/2
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	85 1/2	Pennsylvania R.R.	21 1/2
Biss & Co.	16 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	3 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	17 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	39 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	28 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	24	Pullman Inc.	25 1/2
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4 1/2	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	3 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	44
Case, J.I.	53 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	13 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	41 1/2	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	54 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	74 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44	Revere Steel	21 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	28 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	31
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	1 1/2	Raymond Stores	41 1/2
Consolidated Edison	21 1/2	Schenley Distillers	10 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2
Continental Can	37	Shell Union Oil	10 1/2
Continental Oil	16 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Southern Pacific	7 1/2
Curtis Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Southern Ry. 5 pld.	21
Curtis Wright "A"	28 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	35
Deere & Co.	19 1/2	Standard Brands	64
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	78	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	10 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	10 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	16 1/2	Studebaker Corp.	8
Eaton Mfg. Co.	34 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
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Libbey-Owens-Ford Glas	39 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Lockheed Aircraft	27 1/2	National City Bank	—

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1940	High	Low	Dow Jones Averages	Dec. 20	Dec. 22, 1940	High	Low	Close	Change
1920	152.80	111.54	20 Industrials	123.87	123.89	124.45	123.89	123.89	.02 up
1927	32.67	22.15	20 Railroads	27.14	27.27	27.06	27.17	27.17	.03 up
1928	26.45	18.03	20 Utilities	19.56	19.63	19.50	19.59	19.59	.03 up
1929	91.01	83.08	20 Bonds	90.60	90.60	90.67	90.67	90.67	.03 off
1930	84.07	48.47	11 Commodity Index	58.12	58.12	58.07	58.07	58.07	.06 off
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 23.
Barometer, (at sea level), 30.09 ins.
Temperature, 71 F.
Humidity, 84 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 75 F.
Temperature: Minimum last night, 67 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.
Against an average of, 84.93 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5:45 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 23.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.98 ins.
Temperature, 72 F.
Humidity, 83 per cent.
Wind Direction, E.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 76 F.
Minimum temperature, 67 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 24 to 30 Dec. 1940.

HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Date	Time	Date	Time
Tues. 24	h.m. 06 00 217.4	h.m. 10 53 6.4	h.m. 10 53 9.8
Wed. 25	06 30 182.0	04 48 6.8	00 43 3.7
Thur. 26	07 50 101.8	04 17 7.4	01 40 2.0
Fri. 27	08 57 80.05	03 47 8.0	02 29 1.4
Sat. 28	09 53 50.45	03 13 8.9	03 13 0.9
Sun. 29	10 39 21.30	02 41 9.1	03 54 0.6
Mon. 30	11 24 23.08	02 08 7.9	04 32 0.8

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Report For Four Weeks Ended 7th December, 1940.

PERIOD 568 DEVELOPMENT
Development footage for the period amounted to 869 feet.
Raub Hole Section

133 Feet Development: The workings have been dewatered to No. 3 level. Development continued satisfactorily both on Nos. 1 and 2 levels.

Anderson Section
37 Feet Development: Work has been concentrated upon cleaning up old levels and picking up an old air shaft to be used as a mullock pass. The section had previously been without means of filling stopes.

Bukit Koman Section
299 Feet Development: Satisfactory developments continue above No. 3 level to the south of the shaft. More thorough examination has been commenced of the old workings in the Bukit Koman North Section with the view to fill where necessary, to extract level pillars, and to look for the extension of many stopes which appear to have been stopped more because of mining difficulties than because of reduced grade.

Derrick Section
306 Feet Development: Driving on No. 3 level and drives both to the north and south from stopes on No. 6 level have been definitely satisfactory.

Malacca Section
94 Feet Development: Winzling below No. 2 level continues to be most encouraging.

MINING
A total of 6,740 tons was mined and treated during the period. Grade improved slightly. Raub Hole 2,434 tons; Anderson 847 tons; Bukit Koman 1,395 tons; Derrick 1,660 tons, and Malacca 404 tons.

TREATMENT PLANT

Battery: Ore crushed 6,740 tons; Residue to treatment 6,671 tons; Residue to storage 69 tons.
Retreatment Plant: Tailings treated, current tailings 6,671 tons; Tailings treated, Bt. Koman dump tailings 3,725 tons; Tailings treated, Cord Table concentrates 98 tons. Total: 10,494 tons.

GOLD SHIPMENT
Battery: 857.84 Bullion Ozs.; 902.14 Fine Au Ozs.
Retreatment: 861.35 Bullion Ozs.; 709.15 Fine Au Ozs.
Total: 1,819.19 Bullion Ozs. and 1,608.29 Fine Au Ozs.

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Statement for quarter ended September 14, 1940 (consisting of three four-weekly periods).

Battery: Tonnage of Ore raised 21,038 tons; No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 2,890 ounces; No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 2,741 ounces.

Retreatment Plant: No. of tons treated 24,023 tons; No. of Ounces of Bullion produced 1,567 ounces; No. of Ounces of Fine Gold recovered 1,365 ounces.

Value of Gold from all sources £34,011 Sterling.

Working Costs £27,477 Sterling.

Capital Expenditure £865 Sterling.

Mine Profit for Quarter (subject to Depreciation) £6,534 Sterling.

DARWIN HARBOUR

It is notified by the Harbour Office that an obstruction and buoys exist in the vicinity of the line joining East point to West point in Darwin Harbour, Australia. Caution is necessary when navigating in this area.

FLOATING MINE REPORTED

A floating mine in a position approximately at Lat. 24 deg. 12' N. long. 118 deg. 11' E. has been reported by the master of the s.s. Kingyuen as sighted about 00.45 hrs. GMT. on Dec. 21.

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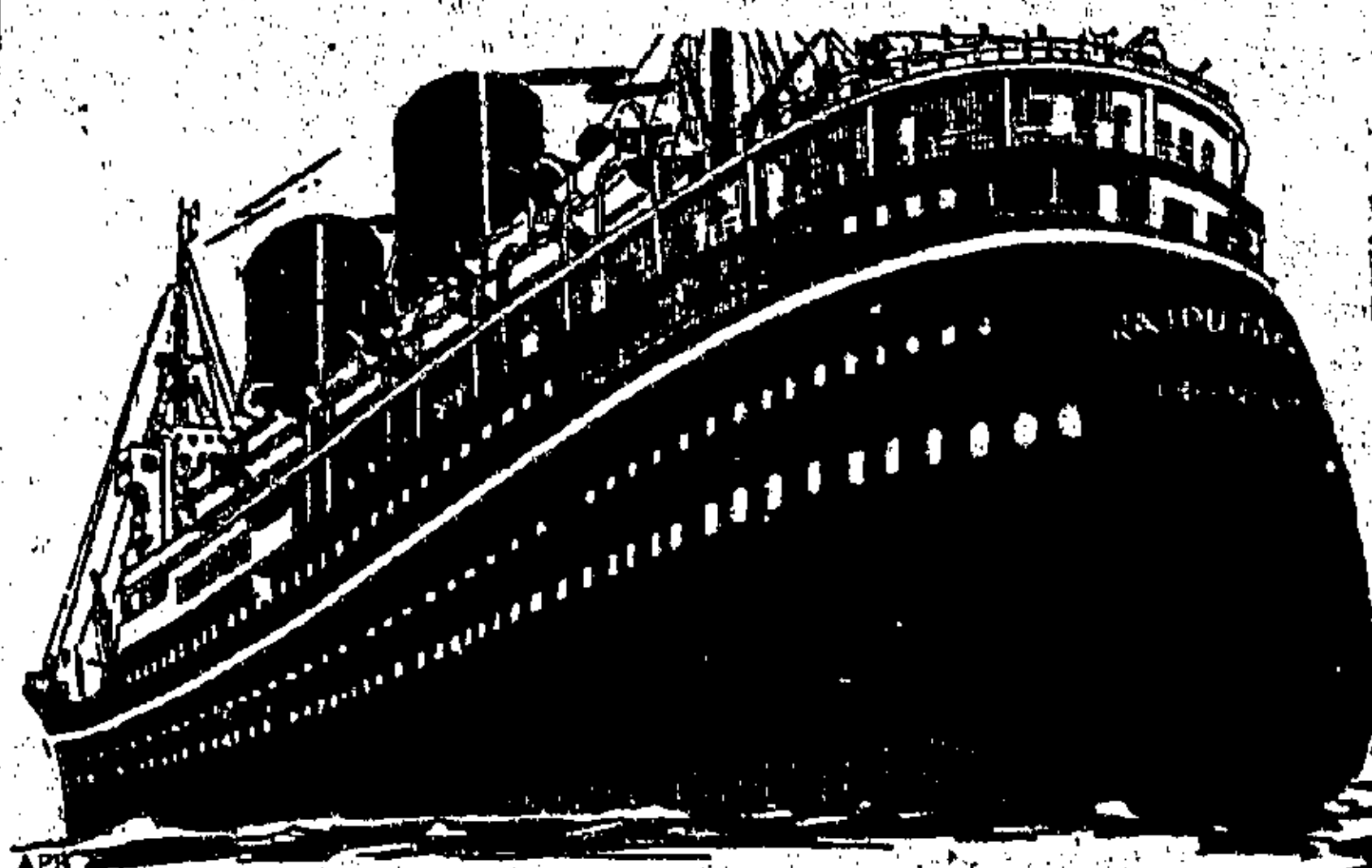
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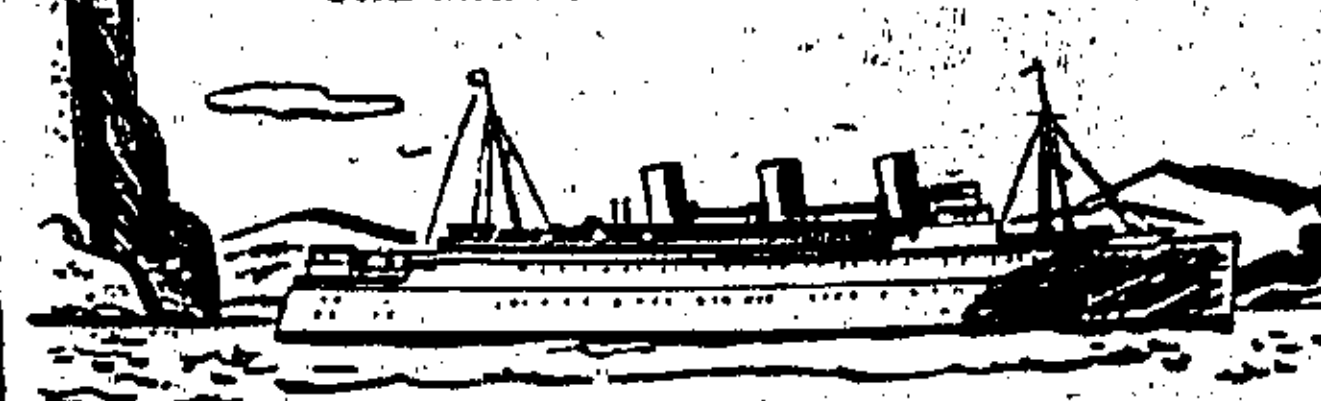
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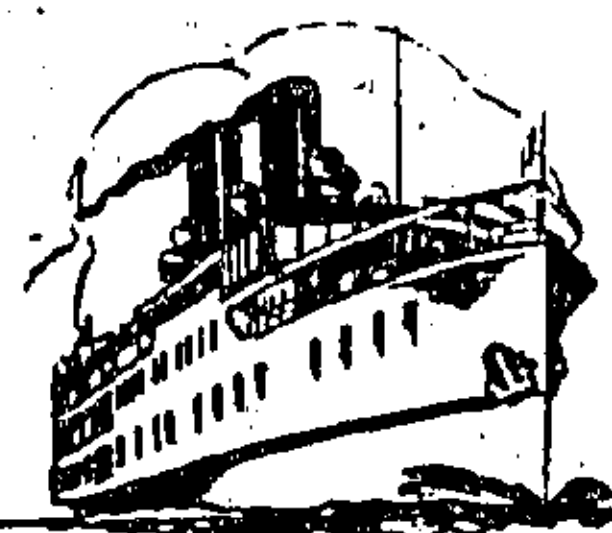
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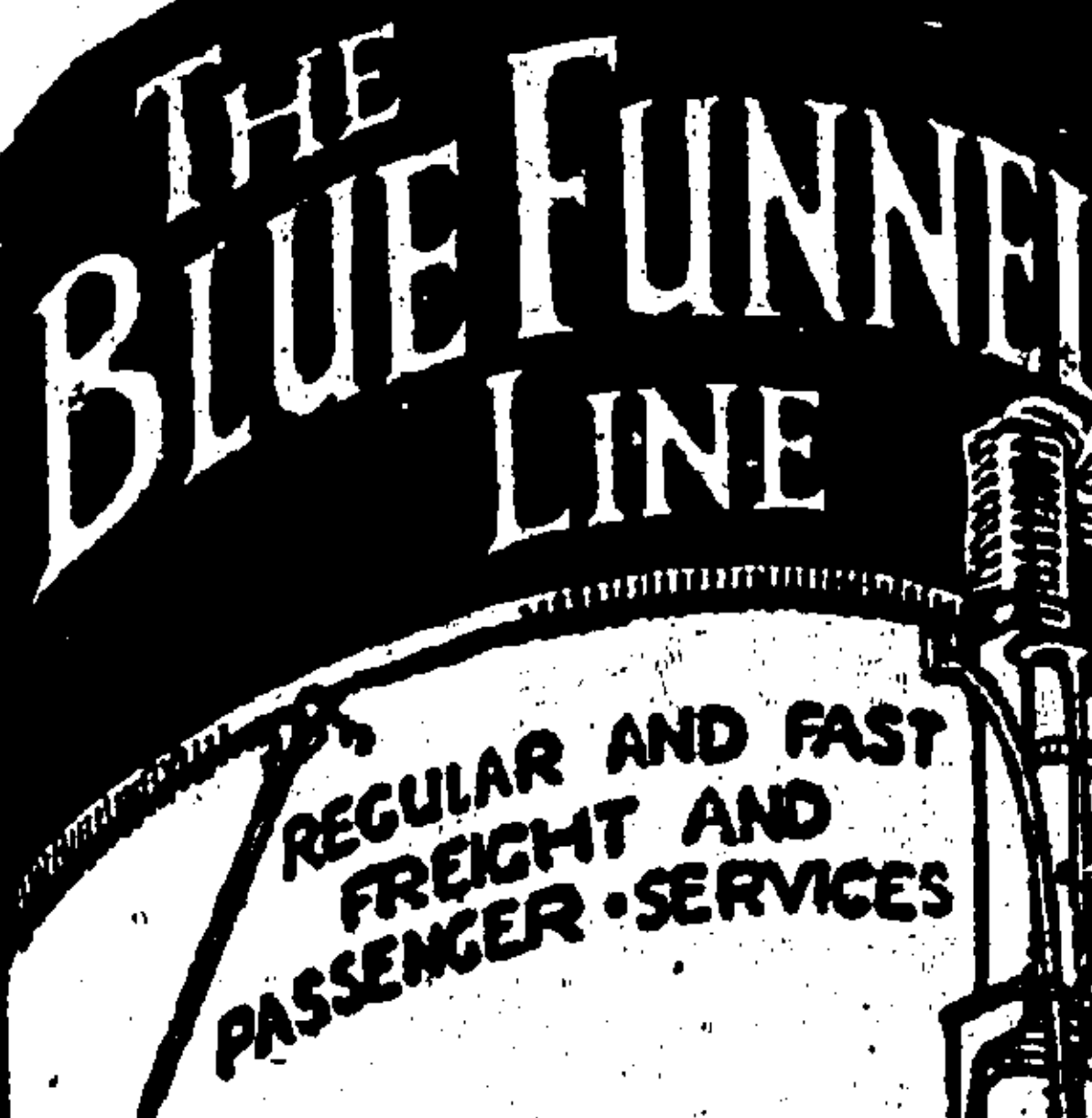
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GERMAN NIGHT BOMBERS APPEAR OVER WIDE AREA

LONDON, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—Enemy air activity over Britain during daylight hours yesterday was very small but after darkness raiders were reported from several districts, including Liverpool, Midland, northern, west and south-west towns in England and Wales.

Italy's Grip On Abyssinia Is Weakening

SPIRIT OF REVOLT SPREADING

KHARTOUM, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The sound of British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns have brought new hope to the Abyssinians, writes Reuter's correspondent in Sudan.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading. News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gollam, the wilderness of Danakil and to wide expanses of bush with their sparse and scattered population.

The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" whereby information flies from village to village in the heart of Africa.

TRIBES RESTIVE
The Royal Air Force's constant and systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern army of the Nile is close at hand.

Sudan is buzzing with stories of risings across the border.

In Khartoum itself satisfaction is expressed at the recent House of Commons statement by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A. Butler, that the revolt in Abyssinia appeared to be making progress.

WILL TO FIGHT
There is great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Russian officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after an extensive lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or kind for Britain's war effort.

CHUNGKING, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The execution of Yang Chuan-yu, former Mayor of Chengtu, was officially announced by the Chinese National Government this morning. The sentence was carried out following his conviction for hoarding foodstuffs while his two accomplices, Ou Shu-yuan, Chung-king manager of Tachuan Bank and Li Tso-chen, food merchant at Hochuen, north of Chungking, were sentenced to imprisonment.

Nanking Facing Dilemma Externally, Internally

Sandwiched between external contempt and internal dissension, the Nanking regime is facing a crisis as its sponsor, the Konohe Cabinet, is now in a shaky position, according to revelations made in a letter from a member of Nanking's "Central Executive Committee" to an unnamed former government official residing somewhere in South China.

The letter disclosed that the Wang Ching-wei-Japanese treaty was mainly the result of the intrigue of Col. Sadaki Kagesa, liaison officer of the Tokyo War Office attached to the Nanking regime. For the purpose of this document, Kagesa made five trips to Japan and Gen. Nobuyuki Abe personally returned to Tokyo before the final consent of the Japanese Government was obtained.

Prior to the signing of the treaty, the letter said, a serious controversy raged among the members of the Konohe Cabinet as to whether Wang Ching-wei was worthy of unreserved support. Wang was said to be held in contempt not only by the Cabinet members but also by Konohe himself. The reason why Konohe finally put through the document, the letter explained, was the heavy pressure brought on him by pro-Axis "radical" elements in Japan.

STRONGLY OPPOSED

According to the letter, the treaty was strongly opposed by both the elder Japanese politicians and the capitalist elements. Consequently as soon as it was signed, a crisis developed for the Konohe Cabinet whose position is

Up to a late hour last night, there had been no reports of heavy bombings but in several places the raiders met a strong anti-aircraft barrage.

An alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dusk and there were indications that a very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders.

During the day one Junkers-88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England.

Two British planes landed in Eire, according to an official statement issued in Dublin, and the crews were interned.

WEEK'S LOSSES

German air raids over Britain during the week ending Dec. 21 were on an unusually light scale but six planes were shot down for the loss of one British fighter.

Detailed figures are:
December 15, 16 and 20.—None.
December 17, 18 and 19.—One German lost each night.

December 21.—Three German and one British lost.

Meanwhile heavy British raids over Germany, including three concentrated attacks on Mannheim, and a daring 37th raid on Berlin were continued every night. Three British planes were lost during the night of December 15-16, four during the night of December 16-17 and no losses on other nights, including the Berlin raid.

ITALIAN LOSSES

Confirmed figures of the Western Desert air battles for this period are not at present available but during the week ending December 18, 68 Italian planes are definitely known to have been destroyed in combat for the loss of ten British planes, bringing the

Chances Of Nazi Invasion Weighed By Soviet Paper

MOSCOW, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—"As long as the British Navy retains mastery and the British air force is undefeated," a leading operation in Britain will be extraordinarily difficult," writes Trud, organ of the Soviet Trade Unions.

The newspaper adds: "The British air force is restoring its losses from its own resources and with American aid."

"In spite of shipping losses, total British tonnage exceeds the indispensable minimum of 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 tons."

"According to the foreign press, England has 40 to 50 trained divisions, including at least five tank divisions. In order to make a successful invasion, the Germans must land at least an equally strong force."

ITALO-GREEK WAR

Commenting on the Italo-Greek war, Trud says: "To oppose the Greek offensive, the Italians have concentrated strong forces

Indo-China Frontier Fighting

BANGKOK, Dec. 23 (Reuter).—The sudden revival of fighting on the Indo-China frontier yesterday is revealed in a Thailand communique issued here today.

This states that French troops opened heavy artillery, anti-aircraft, machine-gun and rifle fire on Nakompanom from Thakhek.

The French fired over 100 shells but caused no casualties.

Thai guns "retallated promptly and, it is believed, destroyed or damaged most of the French gun emplacements."

USED AS SHIELD

"In the Nongkhal region," the communique continues, "the quiet French sent out five boatloads of Indo-Chinese troops across the Mekong River. The French, using them as a shield, opened fire from shore, compelling Thai troops to retaliate and kill the Indo-Chinese troops."

"We had no alternative. Two soldiers in the boats were killed."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (Reuter)

The Administration is considering asking Congress for the authority to requisition foreign ships interned in the United States and to repeal the Neutrality Act to permit American ships to carry supplies to Britain, reports the NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE today. According to this report, Government legal experts could find no ground for the seizure of the ships, so the matter must be put to Congress.

total Italian planes confirmed destroyed by the R.A.F. since Italy entered the war to 385, while a further 158 were destroyed on the ground.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police

GENERAL
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 24th DECEMBER, 1940, 9.30 A.M.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, 25th December, and Thursday, 26th December, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows—

	Wednesday, 25th	Thursday, 26th
General Post Office	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to noon
Kowloon Central Post Office	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.	8 a.m. to noon
Sheungwan Branch Post Office	8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, 25th Dec., and at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday, 26th Dec.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11.00 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Airmail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by sea from Singapore	24th Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
Canton	24th Dec.
London and Straits	24th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 6th December)	26th Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd December)	26th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 17th December	27th Dec.
Java and Manila	27th Dec.
Swatow	28th Dec.
Canton	28th Dec.
Sandakan	29th Dec.
Calcutta and Straits	30th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco date, 24th December	31st Dec.
London and Straits	31st Dec.
Australia and Manila	3rd Jan.
Australia and Manila	4th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

For	Date and Time
TUESDAY	Tue. 24th
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	3.30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 25th
Manila, Macassar and Sourabaya	8.30 AM
Canton	Noon
THURSDAY	Thu. 26th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 11.30 AM
	Ord. Noon
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 11.30 AM
Ceylon, India, Aden and Egypt	Ord. Noon
Straits	Noon
FRIDAY	Fri. 27th
Sandakan	8.30 AM
	Par. 26th Noon
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Let. 27th 8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and "United Kingdom via San Francisco. (No Parcels for Canada and United Kingdom).	G.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. and Europe via "Pan-American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
SATURDAY	Sat. 28th
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	3.30 PM
SUNDAY	Sun. 29th
Canton	Noon
MONDAY	Mon. 29th
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban	2.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 3.00 PM
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	G.P.O.
	Reg. 2.45 PM
	Ord. 3.30 PM
TUESDAY	Tue. 31st
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, U.S.A. & Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
THURSDAY	Thu. Jan. 2nd
United Kingdom	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Par. 1/1 Noon
	Reg. 1/1 Noon
	Ord. 2/1 8.30 AM

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